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SUMMARY.

Rumours are rife regarding a naval battle alleged to have occurred off the coast of Sweden.

Danish newspapers report that a naval fight occurred off Sartoro Island on Wednesday night.

After an attack on the French position, lasting several days, the Germans have recaptured Hartmann's Weilerkopf, in Alsace.

After an all night struggle the French captured 300 metres of trenches in the Argonne.

They also captured a new line of trenches at Bois d'Ailly. French airmen also bombarded Bruges.

A strong night attack in the Carpathians was defeated by the Russians, with enormous loss.

The Russians carried several heights at Uzok, and captured 1000 prisoners.

The "Matin" says the French occupy a front of 543 miles, the British 31, and the Belgians 15.

The Russian fronts extend over 856 miles, while the Servians and Montenegrins hold a front of 218 miles.

Two new Taube aeroplanes were destroyed by a storm, while undergoing trial. The airmen were killed.

The N.D.L. liner Kronprinz Wilhelm, the last German commerce raider, has arrived at Hampton Roads, U.S.A.

Like the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, she will probably be interned.

Dr. Winnington-Ingram, Bishop of London, paid a fortnight's visit to the army in the field.

He celebrated communion on Easter morning in a barn, whose roof and walls were scarred by gun-fire.

Allied warships approached the coast in the Gulf of Saros, and destroyed a Turkish battery.

The towns of Seddul Bahr, Kum Kale, and Tenis Hehr, on the Dardanelles, have been utterly destroyed.

Turkish losses have been tremendous. Fifty were blown to pieces by a single six-inch lyddite shell.

Field Marshal von der Goltz is returning to Constantinople after his errand to Berlin.

He was sent to demand that 300,000 Germans should be sent across the Danube.

In case of refusal the Young Turk party threatened to conclude a separate peace.

British and American newspapers are giving prominence to an interview with the Pope in the "New York World."

The Pope asks the United States to work unceasingly for peace. The entire world looks to America.

M. Radoslavoff, Bulgarian Foreign Minister, says that Bulgaria has hitherto been strictly neutral.

Owing, however, to the Allies' action in the Near East, a new situation has arisen, necessitating a new policy.

In consequence of scandals, the Grand Hotel, at Brussels, which was the German headquarters, has been closed.

After a chase in the mountains two German officers, who escaped from Denbigh, were recaptured near Harlech.

Twenty-one English engineering and shipbuilding societies have united in welcoming the munitions committee.

"Workers, employers, and the Government," runs the message, "want to pull together and get on with it."

It is stated that the British Government will purchase all breweries and licensed houses in the United Kingdom.

A State monopoly of beer will be established. Only light varieties of beer will be brewed and sold.

The purchase price is estimated at over £2,500,000,000, payable at 4 per cent. license bonds.

It is understood that a temporary appointment may be made on the retirement of the present State Agent-General.

No decision has yet been arrived at regarding the appointment of the new President of the Legislative Council.

Resolutions in favour of establishing two new Government departments have been carried by the P.L.L.

The creation of a local government department and of a town-planning department are now planks of the party.

Mr. Harper, Chief Commissioner for Railways, is hopeful of a better supply of trucks being available henceforward.

An educational conference on trades-unionism is being organised to take place at the Trades Hall in June.

The Necessary Commodities Commission has fixed the retail price of butter at 1s 2½d per lb.

It "booked" the price will be 1s 4d, and 1s 6½d if sold and delivered by a butterman in a special cart.

These increases are due to an application by the retailers to the commission.

The autumn meeting of the Australian Jockey Club was concluded at Randwick yesterday.

Mountain Knight was the Place Handicap, and Ulva's Isle came first in the A.J.C. Plate.

It is estimated that 22,000 members of trades-unions joined the Australian expeditionary forces up to January 31.

Mr. Knibbs calculates that 1 per cent. of eligible non-unionists have joined, as against 4.77 per cent. of unionists.

After lying quiescent since 1904, the famous Waimangu geyser in New Zealand has broken into activity.

Some shots rose 400 feet high, blowing a hole 60 feet square in the solid ground.

Some tourists who had been examining the crater a few minutes before had a narrow escape.

A labourer and his wife have been found dead in their bedroom near Christchurch (N.Z.).

Apparently the husband, who was madly jealous, had cut his wife's throat first, and then his own.

Mr. Massey, N.Z. Prime Minister, says the Dominion's exports for the past financial year were abnormally large.

They amounted in value to over £27,000,000, nearly £4,000,000 more than the preceding year.

Mr. A. G. White, whose horse, Ulva's Isle, won the Cumberland Stakes, has given £200 to the Belgian Fund.

Bishop Long, at Bathurst said that Dr. Mourhouse had been one of the strong personalities in Australian public life.

His influence was shown by the number of "Mourhouse" men occupying leading positions in the Australian Church.

Playing with a live shell at Bulimba a boy was killed, and two other children injured, one seriously.

Fresh rains in the agricultural areas have definitely ended the drought prevailing in South Australia.

Business in stocks and shares was briskly conducted on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday.

A large number of sales was recorded at prices which showed an upward tendency.

An active and buoyant mining market ruled yesterday, the brightest that has been experienced for some time.

Conditions in the butter market were normal in Sydney last yesterday, fairly considerable supplies being to hand.

New-laid eggs were particularly short in supply. Quotations were fixed at 2s. Cheese sold well at the increased rates.

In the forage and grain section a generally firm market prevailed.

Sheep supplies at Homebush were well within the demand. The market opened to free competition at firm rates.

A moderate supply of lambs was penned, and the improved tone of recent sales was not maintained.

Bidding for cattle, which were fairly numerous, opened briskly at about last Thursday's rates.

Forecast.—Scattered showers south of the Murrumbidgee and on the south-western slopes, reaching later to isolated places on the coast; a little snow on the southern tablelands; otherwise fine and clear generally; equally W to SW winds.

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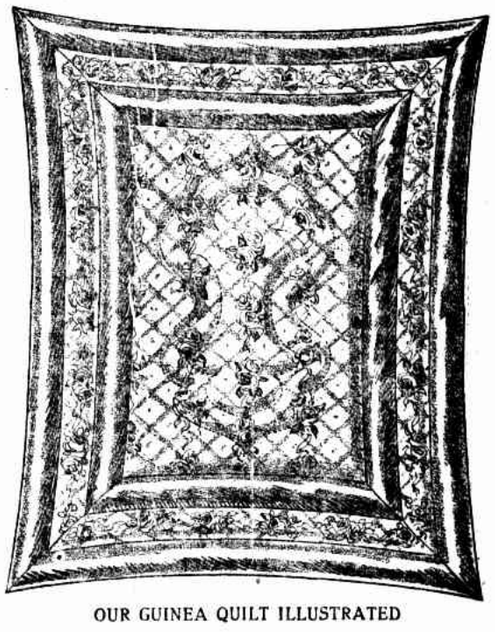

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CHAPTER XXI.—Continued.

In all Bess Carew's knowledge of that coast, now a matter of three and twenty years, she had never experienced quite such atmospheric conditions as on that morning, when July was passing, and August was well-nigh come. The land in parts was bathed in sunshine, while whole sections of moor and fell, of valley and firwood, were clothed with the deepest sombreness.

Miles away, where a ridge of upland of conical hills shut in the landscape, it was evident that rain was falling in dense sheets of water. But this was not what made the phenomenon so unusual and remarkable. It was the atmosphere of the sea, two or three hundred feet below and further out still into the Channel.

Near at hand, mist, dense, heavy, like a pall, covered it; beyond, again, Bess could see that there was a shaft of light which seemed to irradiate the water, making a broad path of light. Beyond, again, she believed there was another ridge of mist and sea fret. Bess was sure, that the firing came from this intermediate zone of light. It seemed as if the very elements, the sky itself, had set the lists for the tourney, measured out the track of the battle.

Swallow needed no guiding to turn in at the gate which opened on the avenues of firs leading to the court. The mare was eager for her stall. She, too, had passed through some trying hours, and endured certain unwonted experiences, since Bess had called her forth before the dawn. But they were as nothing compared to those of her mistress.

At the gate Bess roused herself from the obsession of her thoughts. Through the boles of the trees, on which no branches grew until the top was almost reached, she could see the toothbone from which she had taken the lantern at the dead of night. Was it true that only hours, not even a whole day, separated her from that moment when she had first sped out upon her errand, to find out who was the man riding that cliff path in the darkness, and what was the sinister errand on which he went? A world of incident, of feeling, a life-time of experience seemed to be concentrated into that brief section of time which separated them from now.

Five minutes later Bess was in her mother's arms. Mistress Carew was very different in build and character from her daughter. The old lady was small-framed, and dressed like an exquisite miniature, carrying her pride of race in the shape of her hands, the arch of her small feet, the unassuming dignity with which she did everything—yet mingled with it was a modesty and a consideration for others which made Mistress Carew reverenced and loved by all her circle of dependents and others who knew her well. As a rule the mother looked to the daughter as the stronger character, which well matched the fine frame, but now it was different. Mistress Carew held her to her bosom, and the girl rested her head there with a clinging gesture, which was eloquent of her strain and weariness.

"Thank God you have come back, child. I have been looking for you this hour."

Bess did not answer. She felt like crying, and the experience was so unwonted that she strove against it. Yet would the relief have been great had she given way.

Mistress Carew insisted that her daughter should take some broth, which had been prepared for her, and then gently led her by the hand upstairs into Bess's own room, the white couch under the great bed hangings in which the girl had slept these ten years past. Here Mistress Carew made as if to leave her, but Bess drew her head down close to hers, as if her childhood had come back to her.

Mistress Carew understood that she had something on her mind to tell her, and she waited until her daughter told her the story—the story of her great love, and what Sir Giles Trelure had become to her. The story was strangely punctuated by the booming of the guns, which had grown more incessant, penetrating through the open window.

"It is his ship which is fighting," Bess sobbed out, "that I know, and it is I who called him from his bed and sent him forth upon the errand. What shall I for ever feel if aught happens to him? His blood will be upon my head."

Mistress Carew had listened to the story with deep joy, but not with any measure of surprise, for she had foreseen it coming these months, perhaps years; and, of course, like a wise woman, held her peace. She, too, shuddered at the dull booming of the cannon, yet she combated her daughter's self-accusation.

"Sir Giles did only what he was here to do with Captain Stone. Would you have him hold back when God and the Queen call him to the post of duty? Nay, my daughter, be thankful that he is a gallant soldier and true patriot, not like the traitor, Juan Garcia."

"Aye, I am thankful for that," Bess cried, "and to you, dearest mother, for what you have said. His country called him, I was only the voice. But my prayers will bring him back to me."

"And I, too, will pray incessantly—now sleep, child." And so her mother left her, her head resting on the great dark coils of her hair.

Miss Bess Carew was not by any means the only person who heard that sullen firing out at sea that July day. It would seem that throughout that desolate wind-swept Cornish seaboard men, aye, and women, too, were all ears, their one faculty listening. They had been listening for quite a long time, as well as looking just for that very sound which now came to them, the deep baying of great guns. Now it had come! It was the first note of menace, the first fierce muttering of the coming storm cloud over the sea.

It seemed as if more people gathered along the coast from Landi's end to Lizard than there were inhabitants. Those who had not heard the sound of guns—these were comparatively few—received the news from the favoured few within the area of sound. Miners streamed up from the bowels of the earth, each with his pick, no mean weapon if they came to hand-to-hand fighting with the enemy. From the mines they swarmed to the headland, but by the time the firing had ceased an almost more ominous silence that bid something befitted it had supervened.

The guardians of the beacons looked to their tar barrels, their piles of dead wood and branches, their driftwood from the sea, 80 to 100 feet high; to their flint and steel, ready to blazon forth the message, which would run, like the fire which was at its heart, along coast and hilltop until it reached London, and was proclaimed in the ante-chamber of the Queen.

But as yet they held their hands, for no false message must wing its way. The beacons were to tell the tale of the coming of Philip's fleet, and of nothing else. This conclusion had been dinned into the ears of every guardian in charge of the beacons from Hartland to Start Point. Captain Christopher Stone had taken the matter in hand, making his orders clear. Although he himself was gone, the influence of his domination remained. Flint and steel were ready, but they were not struck—as yet. No fires blazed towards the changeable vault of heaven, now illuminated with sunlight, now a wrack of driving clouds with rain and sleet beating on the watchers; now hidden by the wet mist of the sea.

Anne Treluce heard it—as did all at Dunloe Manor—and flung herself down within locked doors to pray; to pray for her brother's safety and, for the safety of another—did she dare confess it?—as dear to her, but in another way.

Anne at any rate had no misgivings or misunderstandings as to the meaning of that ominous message. It was the sequel of her brother's departure with Mistress Bess Carew before the dawn. It meant that the Flower of Cornwall had succeeded in intercepting the Pinolo, and who could say what the issue of that conflict would be?

As Anne knelt by the bed Terror and Trix set up a dismal howling from the courtyard outside. The sound came to the girl's ears full of omen. She covered them with her hands, but failed to keep them out. At length she could stand it no longer. She rose from her knees, and descended the stairs. Thirza Stebbing met her mistress in the passage leading to the side door, and through that again to the courtyard.

The old woman's face was white.

"I cannot think," she said, "what ails the dogs. I have tried to quiet them, but 'tis no good. Do 'ee try, Mistress Anne."

Anne did not reply, for the words choked in her throat. With fumbling fingers she found the latch and lifted it, the light from outside shone upon her in contrast to the dark of the passage behind.

Terror and Trix came towards her, but with none of the joyous leaping which generally characterised their welcome of the one they loved best. They slobbered on her hands, but every now and then first one and then the other lifted its muzzle and bayed the sky.

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AUSTRALIAN BUILDING STONES.

Reference was made in this column last week to Australian marble for building and ornamental purposes, outlined in the pamphlet prepared by Mr. Baker, of the Technical College. Mr. Baker not only deals with marble, but describes the experiments that have been made to secure colour effects, and in testing the durability of the various local building stones. There is no doubt that colour is an all-important feature in the choosing of a stone. New South Wales granites vary in degree of colour, and may be classified generally as red and grey, both fine and coarse grained, and when the presence of a particular mineral is sufficiently large to retain its distinctive colour it is then common to the stone, as, for instance, Tenterfield, Barren Jack, Mudgee, and Gabo red granites, where the flesh-coloured crystals predominate. Australian grey granites are to be had in many shades, and afford a wide range of choice to the architect. There is one great advantage of granite over marble, and that is that it is never liable to discolouration from cement, lime, or other foreign substance; or from climatic conditions. The granites used in the Sydney Post Office show no sign of changing colour after 20 years' exposure, and the Montague Island bases of these columns are resisting climatic effects very satisfactorily. Such constancy of colour does not obtain with sedimentary and metamorphosed rocks. Sandstones are generally lighter in colour or vice versa when exposed. The mountain sandstone is very soft when first quarried, but on exposure it hardens, and becomes almost white, whilst the Waverley and Pyrmont sandstones, upon exposure, change to a straw colour. In the fire test, Sydney sandstone changes to light brick red, due, it is thought, to the presence of oxide of iron, a consistuent that in all probability also gives the dark brown colour to the Ravensfield sandstone.

It is too early in the life of Australian building stones to give exact figures illustrating their durability, but it will be admitted that Australian granites, trachytes, and sandstones so far appear to possess good lasting qualities. But there is the exception to the rule, and wherever a standstone comes into contact with strong sea air, what is known in the trade as "fretting" takes place; yet this is often due to the want of a proper selection of stone, and to many, Mr. Baker says, it appears that the time has come when a stone expert is necessary. Just as there is a timber expert, an agricultural or wool expert, so there ought to be an expert well versed in petrology, and his business would be to pass all stone before it is placed in buildings. There must be something in the art of selecting even a sandstone. For instance, the stone of the Macquarie Obelisk in Sydney, which has stood all weathers for nearly 100 years, is still quite sound, while freestone in the same vicinity is gradually fretting away, although it has not been in position half the length of time.

GENERAL NOTES.

Messrs. Robertson and Marks are preparing plans for alterations to premises at the corner of George and Bond streets, which will include the entire reconstruction of the shop premises. These premises will be fitted out upon an elaborate scale, and tenders will shortly be called for the work.

The municipality of Waverley is to have a large and up-to-date fire station erected on the site of the present fire station in Carrington-road. The old building will be demolished, and temporary accommodation provided for the brigade during the erection of the new premises. The plans for the new building were prepared by Messrs. Spain, Cosh, and Dod, architects, who have let a contract to Mr. W. Mounsey to erect the new building. There will be two sets of quarters for the married men, also single men's quarters, and an up-to-date watch-room. The station will have accommodation for one motor engine, and appliances, also billiard and recreation rooms for the men, and other accommodation.

In the office of Messrs. W. M. Nixon and Son, architects, plans are being prepared for a residence at Coogee and for a motor garage at Randwick. In the same office the tender of Mr. James Brown has been accepted for additions and alterations to shop premises at Ashfield.

Mr. R. Louat, architect, has completed plans, and tenders are called for a large residence at Vaucluse. In the same office the closing date for a cottage at Mosman has been fixed for Friday next.

To erect a cottage at Wentworth Falls, Mr. E. S. Garton, architect, has accepted the tender of Mr. Vine.

Large fruit stores are to be erected in Steam Mill-street, city, for Messrs. Weymark and Son. Messrs. Oakley and Middleton are the architects.

Mr. John Reid, architect, has completed plans and called tenders to erect a large cottage residence at Homebush.

Messrs. Spain, Cosh, and Dod, architects, have let a contract to Mr. S. H. Clarke, builder, for additions and alterations to a residence at Neutral Bay.

Messrs. Morrow and De Putron, architects, have plans in hand for an additional story to be added to a factory at Redfern, also for the erection of business premises in the Corso at Manly.

Mr. T. W. Hodgson, architect, has accepted the following tenders:—Mr. W. Harnham, for the erection of a residence at Mosman, Mr. H. Jensen, for the erection of three cottages at Roselle; and Mr. E. C. Donnelly, for drainage works at the Palace Theatre. In the same office tenders are to be called for a residence at Wollstonecraft.

Messrs. John Dunstan and Son, architects, have accepted the tender of Mr. P. Howarth for the erection of a factory at Paddington. The factory is for Mr. Thomas A. Bailey.

The Commonwealth Government required the joinery work for the drill hall which is to be built at Leichhardt. Tenders were called, and these were opened yesterday. It is interesting to note the difference in the prices. Eleven tenders were received. The lowest price was £141, and the highest tender £228. The State timber yard was seventh on the list.

Mr. Herbert Dennis, architect, has accepted tenders for the following works:—Residence at Northwood, Mr. D. Gammie builder; bungalow at Gladesville, Mr. P. Lovett builder; residence at Drummoyne, Mr. D. Jones builder; painting to residence, Drummoyne, Mr. C. J. Meredith contractor. In the same office tenders will shortly be called for additions to a residence at Pymble, and for a large residence at Homebush.

TENDERS.

Armidale.—Erection of a residence. Messrs. Kent, Budden, and Greenwell, architects, 58 Pitt-street.

North Sydney.—Erection of a brick residence. Mr. F. J. Brennan, architect, Pitt and Bond streets.

Mosman.—Erection of a residence, Warringah-road. Messrs. Waterhouse and Lake, architects, Hunter-street.

City.—Erection of a large motor store in Steam Mill-street. Messrs. Oakley and Middleton, architects, 24 Bond-street.

Mosman.—Erection of a residence. Mr. Rutledge Louat, architect, 360 George-street.

Marrickville.—Erection of a cottage. Messrs. Evans and Co., Dulwich Hill tram terminus.

Mascot.—Erection of a large shed for Messrs. Norton Bros., tanners, of Mascot. Plans on the job.

Gladesville.—Erection of a brick cottage. Mr. H. C. Martyn, architect, Gladesville. Tenders close 17th inst.

Newtown.—Erection of a block of shops, hall, and dwelling, king-street. Mr. F. Brennan, architect, Pitt and Bond streets.

Strathfield.—Erection of two residences for Mr. H. Turner and Mr. L. Parker. Messrs. Kent, Budden, and Greenwell, architects, 58 Pitt-street.

Arnadale.—Erection of a residence for Dr. Harris. Plans at the doctor's study, Arnadale, and the offices of the architects, Messrs. Kent, Budden, and Greenwell, 58 Pitt-street, city.

Kensington.—Erection of a six-roomed cottage. Plans at Erdington, Oberon-street, Coogee.

Rozelle.—Converting two factory dwellings into shops, in Darling-street. Mr. Jas. Chambers, architect, Anderson's-buildings, Park-street, Hyde.

Ostley.—Erection of a cottage, half a mile from station. Mr. F. J. Thorley. Plans on the job.

Yass.—Additions and alterations to premises in Cooma-street, Yass, for the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank. Plans and specifications and all particulars can be obtained on application to the manager of the Yass or Goulburn branch of the bank, or from the valuer, Barrack-street, Sydney.

Mosman.—Erection of a bungalow. Mr. Rupert Y. Minnett, architect, 79 Pitt-street.

Cremorne.—Additions and alterations to a residence, Mr. A. Warden, architect, 82 Pitt-street.

North Ryde.—Additions to a weatherboard church. Mr. B. C. Martyn, architect, Gladesville.

Homebush.—Erection of a cottage residence. Messrs. John Reid and Son, architect, Equitable buildings, George-street.

Cremorne.—Erection of a two-story residence. Mr. Gordon McKinnon, architect, 79 Elizabeth-street.

Manly.—Erection of a band pavilion. Mr. G. M. Pitt, architect, Belmont-buildings, 71 Hunter-street.

Bay.—Alterations and additions to premises at Bay for the Commissioners of the Government Savings Bank. Messrs. Rae and Rowe, architects, Equitable buildings, George-street.

Cremorne.—Additions to a brick cottage. Mr. B. C. Martyn, architect, Gladesville.

Burwood.—Erection of a pair semi-detached houses. Mr. John D. Spencer, architect, 94 Pitt-street.

Collaroy Beach.—Erection of 250ft of timber sea walling, at Collaroy Beach. Mr. J. E. Juttelius, architect, 49 Castlereagh-street; or Mr. F. Green, Rostrevor, Collaroy Beach.

Vaucluse.—Erection of a large residence, Mr. Rutledge Louat, architect, 360 George-street.

Rose Bay.—Erection of a residence. Mr. Edwin B. Orchard, architect, 68½ Pitt-street.

Rockdale.—Additional story to grocery store. Mr. Roland Cook, architect, Mr. Williams'schambers, Rockdale.

Queen's Park.—Erection of 5 cottage. Messrs. Jno. Dunstan and Son, architect, 61 Market-street.

Ryde.—Erection of a residence. Messrs. Jno. Dunstan and Son, architect, 61 Market-street.

Penshurst.—Erection of a cottage. Apply at Batterson, George-street, Penshurst.

Gosford.—Erection of a brick shop and residence at Gosford. Tenders close April 20. Mr. H. J. Gates, architect, Gosford.

Singleton.—Re-erection of a butter factory for the Singleton Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited. Plans with Messrs. Waugh and Josephson, engineers, Goulburn-street, Sydney.

Darlington.—Erection of a residence. Mr. Arthur H. Wright, architect, 68½ Pitt-street.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKS.

Bankstown.—Forming, ballasting, blue metalling, and rolling a number of avenues and streets. Tenders close next Thursday with the town clerk of Bankstown.

North Sydney.—Forming, ballasting, and metalling Shirley-road, between the railway and Cable-street. Tenders close Monday, 26th inst.

Alexandria.—Erection of a shed in council yard. Plans with town clerk, at Alexandria Town Hall.

Kuring-gai Shire.—Erection of a timber bin for road metal at Killara Quarry. Tenders close April 15 with the local town clerk. Also roadmaking works, for which tenders close on 15th inst.

City.—Supply and delivery of wood blocks. Tenders close 27th inst. with the town clerk of Sydney.

Randwick.—Supply of up-to-date street watering apparatus. Tenders close 19th inst.

Hornsby Shire.—Erection of a first-class timber culvert at Beecroft. Tenders close 20th inst. with the shire clerk at Hornsby.

Granville.—Laying of reinforced concrete pipe storm-water drains at Guildford. Tenders close April 17 with the town clerk of Granville.

Canterbury.—Erection of stables and feedhouse at sanitary depot. Tenders close to-morrow with the town clerk of Canterbury.

OTHER STATES.

South Australia.—Manufacture and delivery at Port Adelaide of a self-propelling bucket dredger. Tenders close August 24 with the chairman of the S.A. Harbours Board.

Queensland.—Supply of about 600 tons of cast-iron socket and faucet waterpipes, special castings, and valves, for Gladstone waterworks. A deposit of £25 must accompany each tender. The closing date has been fixed for April 19, with the Under-Secretary for Finance, Brisbane.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

Tenders for the following work were opened by the Tender Board, Public Works Department, April 12:—Manufacture, supply, and delivery of 150 tons, 7/8 of an inch dog spikes per 8000 rails, 2 tenders received: Brown and Brown, £16 10s per ton in bags, and £17 10s per ton in cases, to trucks, Darling Harbour, lower.

COMMONWEALTH TENDERS RECEIVED, APRIL 12.

Supply of Joinery for Leichhardt Drill Hall. Excelsior Joinery Works, £141 6s; G. H. Ridge, £155; D. M. Mitchell, £163 11s; H. McKenzie, £171; £196; Ward's Joinery Works, Ltd., £171 3s; John Howie and Son, £174 11s; State Timber Yards, £187 17s; Clarence Pickering, £188 10s; Keith and Hughes, £189 1s 2d; Goodlet and Smith, Ltd., £218. N.S.W. Joinery Works, £227 10s.

SCHOOLS WORK.

Tenders accepted for school works, during week ended April 8:—

Fernhurst, new building—J. Nolan, Lockhart, £222 10s; Linlefield, double portable classroom—W. Ward, Old Canterbury-road, Lewisham, £286; Bournewood, new building—T. N. Grimsley, Haberfield, £252; Wimbledon, new building—F. A. Collins, Orange, £237; Jones's Reserve, new building—J. Moylan, Jones's Reserve, Denman, £199; East Kempsey, repairs to residence—A. Johnston, Kempsey, £39; Marrickville West, additions—Constructor of Buildings, £269 7s.

WORKERS' EDUCATION.

ASSOCIATION'S SYLLABUS.

The Workers' Educational Association, with the co-operation of the Labour Council of New South Wales and the Economic Research Society, is at present engaged in organising an educational conference on trade unionism, to take place at the Trades Hall on June 5 and 7. As a conference of this nature is entirely new in Australian experience, and its success now depends mainly on the enthusiasm with which it is taken up by the trade union movement, a circular has been issued stating out the object aimed at.

"The great bulk of the students who come under the influence of the association are," the circular says, "most keenly interested in the development of the Labour movement in Australia. There is the desire of the academic mind searching for knowledge, but, above all, there is the desire of the trade unionists to know and understand their own movement. They want to know the origin of the movement, its early struggles, and later development. They want to know and understand the forces that have helped or hindered its progress—that have shaped its policy, and have moulded it to its present form. They want to know and understand those things, that they may know and understand the possibilities and potentialities of the movement in the future. But where can they learn it, and who is there to teach them? The history of the Labour movement in Australia has never been adequately written; its experience is diffused over the whole continent. It should be the work of the trade union movement itself to help in gathering that experience together, to sift and to analyse it."

The following is a list of the papers to be read:—Mr. B. R. Wise, K.C., "The Effect of Industrial Arbitration on Trade Union Organisation."

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Federal Attorney-General, "Relation of Trade Unionism to other forms of Working-class Activity."

Mr. A. B. Piddington, K.C., "Relation of Trade Unionism to other forms of Working-class Activity."

Mr. W. G. Spence, Postmaster-general, "Trade Union Administration and Industrial and Craft Unionism."

Professor Irvine, "Trade Unionism and Industrial Efficiency."

Mr. F. A. A. Russell, "Relation of Industrial Arbitration to Socialism."

Mr. Gerald Lightfoot (Melbourne), "The Historical Development of Trade Unionism in Australia."

Mr. F. W. Eggleston (Melbourne), "The Effect of Industrial Legislation on the Aims and Ideals of the Workers."

Mr. Meredith Atkinson, M.A., Sydney University, "Relation of Trade Unionism to Co-operation, Co-partnership, and Profit-sharing."

CITY MUTUAL LIFE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of this society was held yesterday afternoon.

The chairman, Mr. F. Hogan, presided. The report has already appeared in these columns.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said that he was unable to see why the managing director would persist in stating the value of the freehold properties in the balance-sheet at £90,000, when, as a matter of fact he (the chairman) knew very well that they were worth nearer £150,000. (Applause.) And it was all nonsense for Mr. Crowley to persist in stating the value of the stocks and shares at the price paid for them years ago, £28,000, when he knew very well that he could go down to the Stock Exchange that day and get £50,000 for them. However, their manager, as probably they knew, was a very stubborn man, and he supposed he had better let him have his own way in the matter, otherwise he would only get himself into hot water again. He announced that the actuary, Mr. G. F. Diamond, A.I.A., had that morning concluded the usual annual investigation of the society's position as at December 31 last. The net surplus amounted to the record figures of £66,000, an enormous sum, in view of the fact that the society's income for the previous year was only £134,000. Needless to say the policy-holders could look forward to increased bonuses, and yet be satisfied that their interests were amply protected in the vital matter of safety. (Applause.) The managing director, Mr. George Crowley, said that from the policy-holders' point of view, perhaps, the most satisfactory feature about the society's annual reports was the increasing bonuses which they were receiving year by year. A bonus of £25 on a £1000 whole-life policy taken out the previous year upon which a premium of only £20 or £40 had been paid, was something in the nature of an Australian record. And, when it was remembered that the directors were not straining after big bonuses, as they had carried over to the succeeding year an amount almost sufficient to double these results, the figures were all the more significant.

Dr. J. A. Beattie, in seconding the motion, paid a tribute to the carefulness of the chief medical officer, Dr. Jarvie Hood, who had during his 25 years' connection with the society, probably investigated no less than 50,000 proposals. Since the initiation of the hospital treatment provision of the policies, the society had spent something like £10,000 in hospital fees, and no doubt this also contributed to the light mortality, which was the subject of so much favourable comment.

Messrs. Con. Geaney (Brisbane), William Swindells, E. A. Osborne, and others also spoke, and on being put to the meeting the motion was carried unanimously.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

There has been no music in the city parks for some time, because the point has been raised in the City Council, and upheld, that there is no power under the Sydney Corporation Act to pay bands.

Alderman Barlow said at the meeting of the health committee yesterday that it seemed extraordinary that organ recitals should continue whilst bands should have to stop.

On the motion of Alderman Mallett it was decided that a report be obtained as to the position.

ACCOUNTANT CHARGED.

PERTH (W.A.), Monday.

Arthur Pearce, 39, who recently occupied the position of accountant at Big Brook State Mill, was charged at the City Court with having stolen £217, the property of the Crown. He was remanded.

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LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Duffy.)

A MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT.
CLAIM FOR STAMP DUTY.

Argument was concluded in the case in which Mr. Rolin, K.C., and Mr. S. A. Thompson, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett, Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Commissioner of Stamp Duties for New South Wales, to appeal against the decision of the State Full Court (Sir William Cullen, C.J., Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Justice Gilv), in a suit against the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, claiming stamp duty on the value of share property settled upon his wife by the late Mr. Harold Walter Fairfax, grazier, of Young.

Mr. E. M. Mitchell, instructed by Messrs. Cape, Kent, and Garlick, appeared for the respondent trustee company.

The facts were stated in Saturday's "Herald."

The Court reserved judgment.

SUPREME COURT.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, without a jury.)

A RESUMPTION CASE.
Henry Haigh and Son, Ltd., v Commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, K.C., and Mr. Victor Haigh, instructed by Messrs. Robberds, England, and Vickery, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Blacket, K.C., and Mr. Flannery, instructed by the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor, for the defendant.

In explaining the case for plaintiffs, said that the action was in respect of the resumption by the Commonwealth Government for military purposes of 66 acres of land at Liverpool, being portion of 221 acres, which were leased by the beneficiaries of the Haigh Estate to the plaintiff company. The company is a continuation of the business of the Collingwood Wool Securing Works, at Liverpool, which have been in existence for 30 or 40 years, and which were originally started by Sir Saul Samuel. Subsequently, the business was acquired by Mr. Haigh, and after his death it was carried on by his widow. Upon her decease, the business was formed into a limited liability company. The land taken did not include the mill. During the late Mr. Haigh's lifetime he was anxious to adopt some scheme for treating the sewage and scour water from the mill in such a way as to utilise its valuable manurial ingredients, instead of allowing them to go to waste; and, accordingly, the company resolved to obtain land on the opposite side of the river for purposes of irrigation and fertilisation by the use of the product of the refuse and scour waters after scientific and chemical treatment. After the company was formed the scheme took definite shape, and on August 14, 1912, they obtained a lease of 221 acres across the river, and nearly opposite the works, and Mr. Houston, civil engineer, was appointed to advise and report upon the proposed scheme. The lease of the 221 acres was for a period of 10 years from September 1, 1912, with the option of renewal for another 10 years, so that practically the lease was for 20 years. Mr Houston reported very favourably upon the scheme for irrigating and fertilising the land as proposed, but on March 7, 1913, the Commonwealth Government, under the Lands Acquisition Act of 1906, took the 66 acres of the 221 acres. The company in consequence of this was unable to go on with the scheme, which it was on the point of carrying out, and it was contended that they were thus deprived of the profits they would have made from sub-leasing the land in subdivision after it had been irrigated and fertilised. Counsel contended that the company was entitled to something more than the mere market value of the land taken, and that one principle of the Pastoral Finance Company's case applied namely, that the measure of compensation was what the company could reasonably be said to have been deprived of, and that they were entitled to be placed in the same position as if the land had not been taken. The plaintiff claimed £14,818.

The defendant pleaded that the sum offered by the Minister exceeded, or was equal to, the compensation to which plaintiff company is entitled.

It was arranged that his Honor should visit the locality to-day, and at 2.30 p.m. the further hearing was adjourned till Wednesday.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice Harvey.)

A HARDEN PARTNERSHIP.
Metcalf v Hutchinson.

Dr. Coghlan, instructed by Mr. Morgan O'Neill, agent for Mr. L. L. Hogan, of Young, appeared on behalf of John Metcalf, plaintiff in the suit of Metcalf v Hutchinson, and moved for a decree upon the admissions of facts on the pleadings in terms of the statement of claim, the defendant, Ralph Hutchinson, not having filed a statement of defence.

Mr. Weigall, instructed by Mr. Maughan Kennard, appeared for the defendant.

The statement of claim set out that in March, 1914, plaintiff and the defendant agreed to become partners in a general bakery business at Harden, as from April 1 following, the bakehouse to be the property of the plaintiff, and all goods baked to be sent to defendant's store for sale on account of the partnership. On July 21 last the operations of the partnership ceased owing to the bakers refusing to supply any flour until the last account had been settled. Plaintiff asked defendant for money to procure flour, but he replied that he could not get any of the firm's money in. Baking operations then ceased. On July 7 defendant lodged a caveat, forbidding any one to deal with the land on which the bakehouse was erected, and at the end of that month defendant left the district without informing him. Plaintiff prayed that the partnership should be dissolved as from July 20 last, and that it be declared that the lease of the bakery premises was surrendered or put an end to on that date; that the caveat of July 7 be removed; that an account of the dealings and transactions between plaintiff and defendant as co-partners from April 1 might be taken; and that an inquiry be held as to what the partnership property consisted of.

When the matter was previously before the Court Mr. Weigall stated that it was impossible to file a defence, for the reason that the defendant, who was a member of the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force, was in camp at the time the statement of claim had been served on him. He consulted a solicitor, but before a statement of defence could be prepared and sworn to he had been sent away to the seat of war.

His Honor made a decree, declaring the partnership to be dissolved as from July 20, and directing an account to be taken of the partnership dealings, and an inquiry as to what the property of the partnership consisted. Plaintiff was appointed receiver of the partnership property, without security or remuneration.

A £40,000 SETTLEMENT.
COURT ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS.

This was an originating summons arising out of an indenture of settlement dated October 18, 1895, and made between Richard Frederick Lachlan Horsley, William Alfred Cotter, William Horsley, and Mary Ann Horsley, in which the Court was asked to determine certain questions.

Mr. Harriott, instructed by Messrs. Garland, Seaborn, and Abbott, appeared for the plaintiffs, James Kidd and Alfred Edward Bond, trustees of the settlement; Mr. Wickham, instructed by Messrs. D. M. Myers and Hill, agents for Mr. C. J. Fraser, of Gundagai, for the defendant, Richard Frederick Lachlan Horsley; Mr. Parker, instructed by Messrs. Myers and Hill, agents for Mr. C. J. Fraser, of Gundagai, for the defendant, Mary Agnes Horsley, wife of the first-named defendant; Mr. R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Garland, Seaborn, and Abbott, for the infant defendant, Patricia Mary Horsley; and Mr. Clive Teece, instructed by Messrs. D. M. Myers and Hill, agents for Mr. C. J. Fraser, of Gundagai, for Mabel Ella Horsley.

It appeared that in October, 1889, R. F. L. Horsley settled £40,000 for the benefit of his wife and children. The question the Court was asked to determine arose on account of the defendant, Mabel Ella Horsley, who had attained the age of 21 years, claiming to be entitled to be paid a one-eighth share of the capital and income of the settlement. The Court was also asked for directions respecting certain matters arising out of the administration of the estate. Under the settlement R. F. L. Horsley had a power of appointment among the children, and in default of any appointment the trustees were directed to hold the estate for all the children who were sons on their attaining the age of 21, and daughters, on their attaining that age, or their marriage before reaching their majority.

His Honor having previously held that the existence of the power of appointment was a bar to the claim by Mabel Ella Horsley, her father, the defendant, R. F. L. Horsley, expressed his willingness to release his power of appointment, if, in the opinion of the Court, it would enable his daughter's claim to be given effect to by the trustees.

His Honor held that the release of the power of appointment would have the effect mentioned, and he made a declaration to that effect.

PRIZE COURT.

(Before Sir William Cullen, C.J., president.)

MOTION FOR APPRAISEMENT.
RE SHIP ERNST.

Mr. H. E. Manning, instructed by the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Crown, and applied for an order for the appraisement of the Ernst (John Reinhold, master). Mr. Weston, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the master and owners of the vessel. Mr. Manning stated that an order had already been made for the temporary delivery of the vessel to the Lords of the Admiralty, and an order was now asked for under rule 29 of the Prize rules which provided that before the condemnation of a vessel an application might be made to have the value of the ship appraised, and that on the payment into court of the value so appraised, the vessel should be delivered to the Admiralty.

It was desired to have the value appraised by the Marshal so that the Crown might provide for any liability by insurance. Mr. Weston submitted that the case was not a proper one for the order asked for.

The application in this and in three other cases was adjourned generally.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Gordon and a jury of 12.)

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.
Aspinall v Aspinall (Aldworth co-respondent).

Mr. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. Pitt, instructed by Messrs. Wardill and Littlejohn, appeared for the petitioner; Mr. Bavnack and Mr. Curlewis, instructed by Mr. H. J. Aspinall, for the respondent; and Mr. Sheard, K.C., and Mr. Wandeyer, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, for the co-respondent. This was a suit brought by Ivan Aspinall, of Turramurra, coiffeur, for the dissolution of his marriage with Regina Aspinall (formerly Ferrari) on the ground of her alleged misconduct with Alfred Herbert Howard Aldworth, who was named as co-respondent. The petitioner and respondent were married on May 14, 1900, at Randwick, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church and three children were the issue of the marriage. Petitioner not only asked for the dissolution of the marriage, but damages against co-respondent, and that the custody of the children should be given to him.

The respondent, in her answer, charged petitioner with misconduct with one Charlotte Spring at Turramurra, also that he was guilty of cruelty to her, and that he had been guilty of such wilful neglect and misconduct as had conduced to the respondent's misconduct (if any). She therefore prayed that the petition should be dismissed.

Petitioner, in his reply, denied that there was any truth in the charges brought against him by respondent.

The suit stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. F. H. Salusbury.)

HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITION.

The Municipal Council of Sydney v. C. W. Edwards. Mr. Glover, for the City Solicitor, Mr. P. C. Dawson, appeared for the petitioning creditors; and Mr. Neville Montagu for the respondent. By consent, the matter was adjourned to April 26.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re John Galpine. Adjourned to May 10.

Re Thomas Hugh Connelly. Mr. C. T. Poole appeared for the bankrupt, and on his application the matter was adjourned to April 20.

Re Walter Balfour Dawes. Adjourned to April 26.

SINGLE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re Henry Peter Glasson. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and the meeting was closed, and the public examination declared concluded.

Re Walter Charles Podmore. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and the meeting was closed, and the public examination declared concluded.

Re James Walter Donald M'Nabb. Adjourned to April 29.

Re Ernest Spilsted. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and the meeting was closed and the public examination declared concluded.

Re Albert Joseph Carruthers. Adjourned to April 13.

Re Peter Cicchenko. Adjourned to April 13.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

William Waring, of Bellambi, labourer. Mr. C. F. W. Lloyd, official assignee.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Heydon.)

DEFINITION OF "BRICKLAYER."

Baker v McGregor.

This was a stated case in which Baker, an inspector under the Arbitration Act, appealed against a decision given by the Industrial Magistrate at Orange in favour of McGregor, a brickmaster, who had paid a certain wage to an unindentured lad.

In this case the defendant was prosecuted for having committed a breach of the Brickmakers' award, by No. 4 Board, by not paying one, Frank Langham, a bricklayer, less than the minimum hourly rate prescribed in the award. It was admitted that Langham was under 21 years of age, and that he had been paid less than the minimum rate of the award, viz., 1/7½ an hour. It was contended that he was an improver, and not provided for at all in the award, and could be employed at the lower rate.

His Honor held that the term "bricklayers" meant adults or journeymen, and did not include improvers. If this were not so, if it meant everyone laying bricks, it would follow that, if the award had contained no provision as to the wages of apprentices, it would have been necessary to pay the latter the full wage of journeymen. Such an interpretation would not stand.

"I must hold," concluded his Honor, "that the board has forbidden the employment of improvers, and that at once destroys the defence. I therefore uphold the appeal, and refer the case back to the magistrate. I should like to suggest to boards dealing with skilled trades, that they should draw up their awards in such a manner that would show that the question of the improver or the junior worker has been considered, and decided by them. Where only general terms are used, it may be that the position has not been thought out, and that an interpretation of the award or a summons may give a meaning which the board never intended."

His Honor allowed £4 4s costs.

(Before Mr. Justice Edmunds.)

COUNTRY GAS WORKS.

His Honor delivered judgment in the appeal by the Gas Employees' Union against the award of the Gas Makers' Group, No. 1 Board, gazetted on June 17, 1914, and relating to the country gas workers. The works at Newcastle and Bathurst, though within the area of the board's control, were not affected by the award, as the conditions of Bathurst had been regulated by industrial agreement, and Newcastle by a separate award.

Mr. R. Croft appeared for the Gas Employees' Union; Mr. Cantor on behalf of Katoomba and Leura, Grenfell, Camden, Cowra, and Albury Gas Companies, Limited, and the municipalities of Orange, Goulburn, and Singleton; and Mr. Rogers for the West Maitland Gas Company, Limited.

His Honor said he was materially assisted upon the hearing of the appeal by Messrs. Wade and Harrison, assessors on behalf of the employers and employees respectively.

The award affected 37 country gas works, of which 30 were the property of the local municipal councils, and the remaining seven were owned by registered companies.

His Honor said that he was unable to increase the rate of stokers of the highest class from 10s 4d to 10s 6d a day, as asked, or to disturb the rates of the other two classes. He also saw no reason, from the evidence, for increasing the rates for yardmen in small works. His Honor thought that pick and shovel men's rates should be raised to 9s a day, and that skilled labourers should receive 9s 6d a day.

The parties agreed, on the hearing of the appeal, that the following should be added to clause 9 of the award:—"Yardmen assisting stokers to the extent of half a shift or more shall receive stokers' rates of pay for the whole shift. Yardmen assisting stokers for less than a half shift shall receive the stokers' rate of pay whilst so engaged. Provided that the usual number of charges on that particular shift is thereby increased."

His Honor amended clause 16 of the award, by inserting the following words relating to stokers:—"In works whose annual output of gas is less than eight million cubic feet, stokers doing pick and shovel work shall receive, whilst so engaged, not less than 9s per day." His Honor also decided that at works where stokers were kept employed all the year round without leave, pay for Sunday and holiday work should be time and a half. The parties agreed that: "The fourteen days' holidays provided may, at the option of the employee, be taken in two periods of seven days each."

COAL AND SHALE WORKERS.

The hearing of the applications for variations, re Coal and Shale Mining (West) Group, No. 1 Board, by the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company, Limited, and the Invincible Colliery, Limited, was continued.

The case stands part heard.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

ALLEGED BREACH OF AGREEMENT.
Elliott v Partridge.

Stanley Ernest Elliott, of Milson's Point North Sydney, sued Herbert Partridge, of 15 Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, for the recovery of £188 in respect of an alleged breach of agreement.

Mr. Monahan, instructed by Mr. L. S. Woolcott, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. J. Curtis, instructed by Mr. W. D. M'Mahon, for the defendant.

Plaintiff's case was that the defendant, who was desirous of conducting certain experiments with a new motor spirit, promised that if plaintiff would let his motor car on hire to him for the purpose of the experiments he would pay the cost of all repairs that might become necessary to the car in the event of damage being caused to it through the use of the motor spirit during the hire of the car, and to reimburse him for all losses which plaintiff might sustain in consequence of such damage. Plaintiff let the car to defendant, and serious damage was occasioned to it; yet defendant did not pay the cost of the repairs or reimburse him for the loss he had sustained by reason of the damage to the machine.

The defence was, never indebted, and that defendant did not promise as alleged.

His Honor reserved his decision.

MONEY FROM IRELAND.
Moore v Coghlan.

James Moore, labourer, of Deakin's Refreshment Rooms, Watson's Bay, proceeded against Charles Hedley Coghlan, tram-driver, of Carlisle-street, Rose Bay, for the recovery of £125 5s, alleged to be the balance of £130 lent by plaintiff to the defendant on May 13 last.

Mr. Power, instructed by Mr. J. J. Carroll, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Martin, instructed by Mr. J. W. Abigail, for the defendant.

Plaintiff's case was that last year he received some money from Ireland. He went to board at the defendant's place, and he alleged that the defendant asked him for the loan of £130 to pay off the indebtedness on the property he was living in. He advanced defendant the money in May last, the agreement being that it was to be repaid by fortnightly instalments. Defendant had only paid 15s on the loan.

The defence was that the defendant undertook to provide the plaintiff with a home during his life on his paying him £130, and that there was never any question of the money being merely a loan. Defendant had always been ready and willing to perform his part of the agreement, and it was plaintiff's own fault if he had not received the benefit of the agreement.

His Honor having stated that he believed the story told by the defendant, plaintiff's counsel accepted a nonsuit.

GOODS ON A GERMAN SHIP.
Haege and another v Hutton.

Hermann Haege and Hermann Ruelberg, merchants, of Pitt and Bond streets, Sydney, trading as "Hermann Haege," sought to recover from Emelie Hutton, of Lambton, near Newcastle, the sum of £216 6s 6d, alleged to be the amount due to plaintiffs by the defendant, in respect of contracts for certain quantities of paper, which was to be shipped to Europe and landed at Newcastle.

The defence was that the bills of lading tendered, and on which the defendant was to pay, were for goods aboard a German vessel, and that during portion of the period one of the contracts was running last year, one of the plaintiffs was not a naturalised British subject, and so was not entitled to sue.

Mr. Weston, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. J. B. Moffatt, for the defendant.

His Honor reserved his decision.

A MARRICKVILLE DAIRY.
Frost v Swords.

John Frost, of Liberty-street, Campsie, proceeded against John Swords, of Harrigan-street, Marrickville, for damages for alleged breach of agreement with regard to the sale of a dairy.

Mr. Martin, instructed by Mr. H. O. Marshall, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. W. C. Moseley, for the defendant.

Plaintiff claimed that the defendant agreed to sell him a certain dairy business at Marrickville, together with the goodwill, fixtures and utensils, for £225; and that possession should be given and taken on or before February 1 last. He paid £20 by way of deposit, and part payment under the agreement, a term of which was that if either of the parties should make default, or fail to perform any of the conditions, the party so failing should pay to the other the sum of £20 as damages, without prejudice, to any action at law for further damages sustained. Plaintiff alleged that the defendant had not given him possession of the dairy. He, therefore, claimed the return of his deposit, and £20 damages under the agreement.

The defendant pleaded that he had always been ready and willing to perform his part of the agreement.

The case stands part heard.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Bevan and jurics.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

ACQUITTED.

William George Fitton, a middle-aged man, was charged with a serious offence at Marrickville, against his own 12-year-old daughter. Fitton was defended by Mr. J. J. Carroll. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and he was discharged.

APPEALS.

(Before Judge Docker.)

Mr. C. A. White for the Crown.

APPEALS UPHELD.

Edgar Carter and Henry J. Gillies, both described as vanmen, appealed against their conviction by Mr. Smithers, S.M., at the Water Police Court, on February 15, on charges of driving vans not licensed in the manner prescribed by the traffic regulations, on which they were both fined 10s, and costs. Mr. Parker appeared for both appellants. His Honor upheld both appeals, and set aside both convictions, without costs.

LIQUOR CASES.

Elizabeth Hyde and Lottie Appleby, for whom Mr. Parker appeared, appealed against their conviction by Mr. F. E. Adrian, police magistrate at Gosford, on January 15, on charges of selling liquor without a license at Woy Woy, on which they were both fined £30, and costs; or three months' imprisonment. His Honor dismissed both appeals. He gave £5 5s costs against Hyde, but did not allow any costs against Appleby; and also said he would recommend a remission of the fine in Appleby's case.

BREACH OF PROHIBITION ORDER.

Henry Lewis, for whom Mr. Everingham appeared, appealed against his conviction by Mr. Smithers, S.M., at Manly Police Court, on February 25, on two charges of procuring liquor for an inebriate, against whom he knew a prohibition order had been granted. His Honor dismissed both appeals, and allowed £3 3s costs, which, together with the two fines, totalling £8 12s, he ordered to be paid within one month.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse.—At 10.30 a.m.: Campbell v Deputy Federal Commissioner of Land Tax, New South Wales (part heard); Turner v Eggleton.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause List.—Banco Court, St. James's-road.—Notice to jurors. The jurors summoned to attend Banco Court on Monday, the 12th instant, will not be required to attend at all.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Deputy Prothonotary.—Harrison v Harrison, 10.15 a.m.; Burns v Burns, 10.15 a.m.; Bourke v Bourke, 10.15 a.m.; Baxter v Baxter, 10.15 a.m.; Gamboula Caloome Phosphates, Ltd., v Metzler, 11 a.m.; Mills v Mills, 2.30 p.m.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.—Cause List: Andrews v Andrews (Aldworth co-respondent), part heard; not before 2 p.m., Owen v Owen (Alderton co-respondent). Notice to jurors.—The jurors engaged in the above part-heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m. The rest of the jurors in attendance are not required to attend until 2 p.m. to-day.

In Equity.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Street.—No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Re Macquarie Bond, Ltd., and Companies Act (petition to wind up company); Muswellbrook Picture Co., Ltd., and Companies Act (motion for leave to file contract); General Motor Co., Ltd., and Companies Act (summons for dissolution of company). Before his Honor Mr. Justice Harvey.—Equity Court, No. 2 Elizabeth-street.—At 10 a.m.: Henderson v Evans (for hearing).

Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Hyman v Permanent Trustee Co. (to settle draft certificate); at 11.30 a.m.: Howie v Banks (to settle draft certificate). Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Commonwealth Carrying Co., Ltd. (to tax costs). At noon: Mckay v Daly (to settle minutes of order). At 12.15: Haddock v Small (to settle minutes of order); same v same (to settle minutes of order). At 2.15: Re M. J. Kennedy and Conveyancing Act (to tax two bills of costs).

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—At 10.30: M. Donaldson. At 10.45: James Smith. At 11.15: James Tunney. At 11.45: J. J. Milligh. At 12: A. Argent. At 12.15: James Whiteman. Before the Registrar.—Lawrence Maher (to tax costs), 11.30.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar.—At 10 a.m.: Motion for release, Charles Frederick Greaty. Certificate application, Arthur Thompson. Single meetings and public examinations: Charles George Reynolds, Albert Joseph Carruthers, Peter Cicchenko. Public examination: Annie Maiden. Hearing of proofs of debt: Re Albert Joseph Carruthers; ex-parte Sydney Bitt Cerrick; and ex-parte H. G. Lott. Examination under Section 270: Annie Maiden. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 11 a.m.: Re James Reynolds (taxation of costs of opposing trustees on creditor's petition). At 11.30 a.m.: Re James Reynolds (taxation, petitioning creditor's costs).

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor, Judge Backhouse.—At 10 a.m.—Watt and another v Brown; Barrett v Enelish; Veliman v Walker; Dwyer v Byrne; The British Phosphate Depot, Limited v Johnson; Shore v Shepherd. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before the Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.—Commonwealth Prickly Pear Exterminating Company, Limited v Parkin.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION COURT.

At the Industrial Court-house, Queen's-square.—Before Mr. Justice Heydon.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Re Food Supply and Distribution (No. 1) Group, No. 1 Board, for nomination of employers' representative; re Building Trades Group, No. 10 (Board Builders' Labourers), cross appeals by Master Builders' Association and Builders' Labourers' Union.

Before Mr. Justice Edmunds.—At the Court-room, lately occupied by the Master in Equity, Queen's-square.—At 10 a.m.: Re Coal and Shale Mining (West) Group, No. 1 Board, appeals by Commonwealth Portland Cement Co., Ltd.; Lithgow Valley Colliery Co., Ltd., and others; and Invincible Colliery Co., Ltd. (part heard).

CHIEF INDUSTRIAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Phillip-street.—Before the Chief Industrial Magistrate.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Duniesvy v Holder (6); same v McCall, same v Murphy, same v Landerdower, same v Avery, same v Balmain New Ferry Co., Ltd., same v Schneider, same v Pitcher (2), same v Sydney Woollen Mills, Ltd., same v Athens Baking Co., Ltd. (2), same v Tooper. At 11 a.m.: Kirby v Andrews, Clark v Gutman. At 2 p.m.: Clark v Crockett.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Ross Shields, assault and robbery; Elsie Kimber, stealing; Percy Dalton, James Ryan, Henry Brewell Moore, Walter Smith, Jeremiah O'Connor, and Henry Archibald, larceny; Charles Henry Hustling, false pretences.

The following appeals against orders and convictions by magistrates will be heard at No. 2 Court, Darlinghurst:—Thomas Long and William Wild, false imprisonment; Harold Spenser, suspected person; Mary Brown, vagrancy; Cornelius Scott, assault, malicious damage; May Mckenzie, misbehaviour.

THE PRICE OF JAM.

QUESTION OF AN INCREASE.

The monthly meeting of the executive of the Fruitgrowers' Association of New South Wales was held at Castle Hill on Saturday. The president (Mr. John Neil) occupied the chair.

The chairman reported that a deputation of fruitgrowers waited on Mr. F. G. Tudor, Minister for Customs, at the Customs-house, Sydney, on the 27th ult., and urged upon him the necessity of increasing the duties on imported fresh fruits, particularly lemons. He said it appeared to him from the tenor of his remarks that the Minister was sympathetic. He had promised to give the matter full consideration and bring it before the Cabinet.

Mr. F. A. Nicolson differed from the chairman, inasmuch as he had not gathered from the Minister's remarks that he was sympathetic. He was strictly non-committal, and personally he (Mr. Nicolson) did not take too hopeful a view of the situation.

Recently it was reported that the Sydney jam manufacturers were moving the Necessary Commodities Control Commission for an increase in the price of jam, and a protest against an increase being granted was made by the association, in view of the low prices received by the growers for their fruit. A reply from the secretary of the Commission was read stating that no increase in the price of jam had been sanctioned by the Commission. It was added that if the association had knowledge of any increase on August 1, 1914, prices, he would be pleased to hear of it.

HOUSING AT DARWIN.

DARWIN, Monday.

For some considerable time past the lack of sufficient accommodation for new arrivals at Darwin has been a great drawback to the progress and stability of the town. The situation recently reached an acute stage by the publication of a "Government Gazette" notice, signed by the Chief Health Officer, prohibiting indiscriminate camping by tent-dwellers except on the approved reserve. The board of Health, however, does not agree with the view of the central board, considering, in view of the wholly inadequate house accommodation, that an attempt at legislation with regard to camping accommodation will result in increasing the already unhealthy overcrowding of lodging-houses.

The matter culminated on Saturday in consequence of a report made to the president of the local branch of the Australian Workers' Union, Mr. John Burton, by a man who had been ordered to shift his tent to the approved reserve. The man stated he had visited the reserve and absolutely refused to camp there. The drinking water, he affirmed, was bad.

During last week 195 persons arrived here, and there was practically no accommodation for them.

OPIUM PROSECUTIONS.

BATHURST, Monday.

Ah Duck, 40, George Kum, 62, and Gar Foon, were last week charged at the Bathurst Police Court that they did at Alloway Bank on April 4 smoke opium. Gar Foon was also charged with having opium in his possession at Alloway Bank, without holding a certificate issued under the Poisons Act of 1902. The police stated that they had found three tins of opium in a back room, as well as 50 tins of opium tins. Everything pointed to the fact that the house was kept for the purpose of smoking and providing opium. Gar Foon had previously been fined £10 for keeping an opium den. Foon's excuse for smoking was that he always felt better after a pipe of opium. Ah Duck and George Kum were each fined 20s, with 5s interpreter's fee, for smoking opium. Gar Foon was fined £20, with 5s costs, for keeping an opium den, and 40s, or 14 days, for smoking the drug.

PERTH, Monday.

At the City Court last week Yick Lew, a Chinese laundryman, was fined £10, or in default two months' imprisonment, for being in possession of a small quantity of opium suitable for smoking.

WEEK-END ROBBERIES.

Two parcels of newspapers, valued at £3, the property of Charles Gordon, St. Peters, were stolen from the corner of Victoria and Marrickville roads.

Six cameras, tobacco, etc., valued at £20, were stolen from the shop of William Moss Jones, Wall-street, Rockdale.

The sum of £24 3s in notes, gold, and silver, was stolen from a chest of drawers in the shop of Henry Francis Smith, Forest-road, Bexley, during his temporary absence.

While asleep, Allan Kildea was robbed in a coffee palace near the Haymarket of a gold albert and a gold medal, valued at £4.

Notes and gold to the value of £9 were stolen from Ivan M'Donald, a resident of Macleay-street, Potts Point.

While standing near the change-window at the Manly Wharf, Circular Quay, William Anderson was robbed of a wallet containing a £5 note.

A watch, chain, and badge, valued at £6, were stolen from the engineers' cabin of the steamer Grantala, at the Craiton wharf.

AN INFANT'S DEATH.

Mr. H. S. Hawkins, City Coroner, held an inquiry yesterday into the cause of death of a male infant. Edward Goodwin, a vanman, living in Burren-street, Erskineville, stated that about 8.30 a.m. on the 17th ult. he found the nude body of a newly-born baby in a lane at the rear of his house. The infant cried, and was cold and wet. His wife wrapped it in a blanket, and took it to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where it died.

Dr. A. A. Palmer, Government Medical Officer, said that he examined the dead body of the baby. He found a severe lacerated bruise on the forehead, two small bruises at the back of the head, and a deep-seated bruise on the loins.

Mr. Hawkins found that the infant died from injury to the head, exposure, and neglect. He further found that some person or persons did feloniously murder the said infant.

POLICE COURTS.

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A middle-aged man named David Woodcroft was charged before M

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

SEED WHEAT.

A record wheat crop next harvest means so much to the community that nothing should be omitted that is likely to cause a greater distribution of seed wheat at the present time. Portion of the State has benefited by the recent rain, and indications point to a change in the south and south-western centres, therefore the future, as far as the coming wheat crop is concerned, is not devoid of bright hopes. There has been a heavy response by wheatgrowers to the Government's offer to supply seed for the coming season. To that extent the Government is meeting loyally the appeal made by the British Government to all the oversea dominions to increase their wheat acreages this year.

Despite the action of the Government, there is evidence of difficulties in the way of certain sections of wheatgrowers being able to secure adequate seed supplies, and if the season should change suddenly this month, and prospects continue favourable during the next three months, it is very doubtful if seed wheat supplies would be sufficient to meet all requirements. The Government has promised to supply necessitous farmers with their seed, but it is somewhat difficult at this juncture to understand exactly what is a necessitous farmer. There is the share man, whose crop failed last year, who, undoubtedly, is worthy of assistance; there is the farmer on a homestead of settlement lease, who has also met misfortune through failure, or partial failure, and there is no gainsaying that he should be supplied. But, in addition to these, there is the man who is possessed of secured-title land, but who, from financial stringency, finds it difficult to get extra accommodation to enable him to purchase extra seed wheat to sow an additional area, or even sufficient to sow the same acreage as last year. It is highly desirable that some arrangements should be made to meet all sections of wheatgrowers, and encourage the greatest possible area being placed under crop.

It is impossible for the Government to meet all the demands that might be made for seed wheat, but in view of the fact that it has so restricted the operations of country storekeepers and agents in their usual wheat dealings—in fact, prevented them from trading at all in wheat—it is hardly to be expected that this section of traders should be called upon to give seed wheat on credit without some protection in the way they would in ordinary years. They might be willing and anxious enough to give the necessary credit to these growers, but financial restrictions in a year such as the present prevent them from doing an extensive business. As the Government has expressed a special wish for a substantial increase in the acreage, material assistance could be given in this direction if the Government would encourage all storekeepers and agents whose business it is to distribute seed wheat by agreeing to guarantee the payment of seed wheat accounts in the event of crop failures next year, as the fertiliser accounts are guaranteed. Seed is more important than manure.

As a further means of encouraging an increase in wheat cultivation the Wheat Acquisition Board would be wise to give the greatest latitude to country and city agents in the sale of seed wheat. No handicap to the ordinary channels should exist. It was decided by the Wheat Board recently that a charge of 1d per bushel should be paid to the Wheat Board when seed wheat is transferred from one buyer to another. This charge should be remitted, and, provided the ordinary distributors of seed produce statutory declarations from the buyers that the wheat they are securing is for seed purposes, the board should give the greatest facility to the conduct of this business. As we understand the position, country buyers must produce a declaration from the grower to whom they are selling that he is going to sow the wheat before it can be obtained from the board. This handicaps business, and is likely to curtail sowing. In ordinary circumstances it is common for country storekeepers or agents to buy seed in anticipation of a heavier demand with a favourable change in the weather. In a year like this the extent of the area of wheat sown will depend greatly upon what rain falls within the next few weeks. If we have good rain many growers will make an effort to get in more crop. That is, if they are sure of obtaining seed. But at this stage they are not prepared to commit themselves; certainly would not apply for wheat and sign declarations. Obviously, if country agents are allowed to have seed on hand, it is likely to encourage a larger sowing. The Government could provide that operators in seed wheat must return any surplus on hand after the sowing period is passed, say, in August, together with declarations from growers that the wheat not returned has been sown. It should be a simple matter to prevent any abuse and ensure that any seed carried over will be available for milling purposes.

Unquestionably the Government is keenly desirous that the largest possible area will be sown. It has acted boldly and liberally with regard to necessitous farmers, and the fact that over half a million bushels of seed wheat has been applied for shows how Mr. Ashford's action is appreciated. This quantity of seed represents an intention to sow nearly a million acres of wheat, and in a good season would provide sufficient grain to meet local requirements. But it is necessary also to consider other growers, and that is best done as indicated above. The Government, of course, also have the responsibility of ensuring that millers are supplied with milling wheat, but easier facilities for obtaining seed at the present time need not interfere with the milling supply. And if it should prove there is not sufficient wheat for food requirements, and it is necessary to import wheat later on, it is better, as we have pointed out, to sow our own grain and use the imported for food. The immediate necessity, however, is to provide that ample seed wheat is made available under the easiest and finest conditions possible. To restrict seed wheat operations at this stage is against the interests of the whole community.

ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.

WOOL DEARER.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 5.

At the present time there seems to be a good demand for everything, and the whole market seems bare of stock. Users are all eager to buy, though they grumble very much at the way America has forced up values for merinos at the present series. The United States representatives have had their hand in everything of a merino character, and have bought freely of all classes—Queensland scoureds, New South Wales, Victorian, and Swan River greasies, and Cape wools also. During the past week they have hardly been so active, but that is no fault of theirs. The best wool, such as they want, has not been offered in such large weights as during the first week. The catalogues have become smaller and of a more miscellaneous character towards the close, and some difficulty has been experienced in getting wool out of the ships. It is said that altogether 3000 bales have been held over to next series for this reason. We hear on very good authority that there are forty boats in the Thames, and forty-three in the Mersey, awaiting berths. They are not all wool boats, but this just shows how congested are the ports through which practically the whole trade of the country is now being done. In eleven days the third series of sales begin, with offerings of 130,000 bales. They will probably close about the beginning of April, and on the 20th of that month the fourth series begin, with a limit of 200,000 bales. How the railway companies will deal with the wool is a mystery, as they are already refusing transport orders, even to their best customers.

Undoubtedly America has set the pace for merino wools this series. The home trade would never have bought at such prices if they had not been compelled to do so. Some have said that the Americans have either bought without limits, or greatly over-estimated the clean yields. The former is the more probable, and when as much as 2s 8½d is paid by United States users for Queensland scoureds it shows that they are in great need of wool. The Clare Valley and TUT/Arusdel brands were splendid wools, of excellent quality, light and free, and practically all the best lots of them went to America at 2s 6d to 2s 8½d, prices which are 4d a lb. above last sales. This rise of 15 per cent. is only to be recorded when America wanted a lot. Scoureds which lacked United States competition sold at no more than 7½ per cent. better than last series. France has had a few lots of the more faulty classes, but again in greasy merinos America has been in the van. Good combing sorts are 1½d to 2d, more often the latter, above last sales, and ordinary wools 1d to 1½d. Capes have moved very well, many lots going to the United States at 10½d, to 12d. The basis for Capes seems to be now 2s 2½d, or even 2s 3d, clean scoured, and some of the American lots will cost ½d more than that. Cape tops have moved up 3d in Bradford in a fortnight, even for June delivery, and it will not be easy to make long 64's out of wool bought this sales to come in at 2s 6d. The whole trade is on a tremendous basis of consumption. Machinery everywhere is "grinding up" wool at full capacity, and any lower prices for some time seem very improbable if America keeps in the market.

There is very little doubt that the question to which everyone wants the answer is, "To what extent will shipment to America be permitted?" On this depends the whole market, for if the United States ceased buying here, either through their own inclination (which is very improbable) or through Board of Trade regulations, merino wools would inevitably fall. It was said this week that in the case of Cape wools it was a "two-man market," one of these being an American, and it seems almost certain that if the United States continues to buy so heavily, and causes any further material advance, the replacement of the embargo is probable. The Government is waking up to the fact, so it is rumoured in the trade, that we and our Allies will need all the wool our colonies can send us, and on that account export to neutrals may be prohibited. The question to-day does not seem to be one of preventing Germany getting wool as much as securing enough for ourselves. Where should we turn if we were caught short? We should be in the same position as Germany is to-day. The German Government has taken all the mohair in Turkey as the next best thing to wool, and it may be that we should have to use Cape mohair. The figures drawn up by some United States papers anent the wool supplies of the world and the needs of the Allied armies do not seem so far-fetched to-day as when they were published a month or two ago, and it is not stretching things to say that cotton and mohair ought to have a distinctly wider use in the next year or two, if only because of their relative cheapness. Lower wool values cannot be expected, at least for months, and if the United States are compelled to fall out of the market we cannot see that a serious and permanent fall will be brought about in merino values, though, of course, the taking away of such a powerful buyer will not be without some effect.

CROSSBREDS MEET A STRONG MARKET.

The offerings of crossbreds at the series closing to-day have been comparatively small, being made up of 13,250 bales of New Zealand wools, some Australian, and about 8000 or 9000 bales from South America. Some 200 bales of United States crossbreds were also offered, in the slipe and scoured state, but were all withdrawn, being inferior stuff.

New Zealand still leads the world in the production of crossbred wool, and is likely to do so for a long time to come. We do not overlook the fact that some Australian crossbreds are really superb, especially those grown in West Victoria, but on the whole Australia is somewhat behind the Dominion. Of course, the climate and soil have much to do with the wool produced, and when growers attempt to raise crossbred sheep on the dry, sandy stretches of New South Wales they expect the wool they get. Several marks of Australian crossbreds offered this series have been quite good as regards quality, but in style they have been sadly lacking, being fluffy, loosp wool, with plenty of sand, and, more often than not, tender. The proportion of good Australian half-breds, crossbreds, and three-quarter-breds has been very small, but the best wools of the first-named class have made 1/5d. The production of these seems almost entirely confined to West Victoria, and for that reason a greatly increased supply of such good wool is not expected.

A great contrast is seen with the New Zealand wools. From the look of the clips it is easy to tell that they are grown on entirely different soil, with different climate and feed. Even the best Australian crossbreds are always dryer than New Zealand wools of like quality, and some say that the harsher handle of the former would be quite taken away by more yolk in the staple. The New Zealand wools on the whole seem longer, quality considered, and as a class are certainly sounder. As regards their preparation for market there is little to choose. For all crossbred wool demand has been very keen, whether the offerings were sliped, scoured, or greasy. A 5 per cent. rise on all crossbreds must be recorded.

TOPS ADVANCING SHARPLY.

Things in Bradford are humming in a very remarkable way, and everything is mounting in a wonderful fashion. Topmakers are quoting up to 32d for good 64's, with delivery as far forward as May, June, and July, and some have bought this week right up to next September. Further big orders have been placed by the French and Russian War Offices for summer fabrics, and the whole of the West Riding trade cannot possibly cope with above half the business available. This is the reason for the further advance in Colemanstreet this week, and everybody is making a desperate effort to provide for future requirements in wool, tops, and yarns. The situation is unparalleled in every sense of the word.

MEAT EXPORT TRADE.

LONDON MARKET FIRM.

LONDON, March 5.

Though business at Smithfield has, on the whole, been slow, all kinds of frozen produce have remained firm—South American chilled beef is easier on the week, hinds being 4s 4d to 4s 10d, and fores 4s to 4s 3d. Frozen Plate hinds, which were not quoted for some days, now rule 4s 3d to 4s 4d, and fores 4s to 4s 1d. Australian hinds are 4s to 4s 4d, crops 4s to 4s 2d, while New Zealand hinds are 4s 3d to 4s 6d, and fores is to 4s 1d. New Zealand mutton is 3s 11d to 4s 4d, Australian 3s 7d to 3s 9d; Australian, 3s 7d to 3s 9d; and Plate, 3s 6d to 3s 11d. New Zealand lamb is 5s to 5s 4d; Australian, 4s 6d to 4s 10d, and Plate 4s 6d to 4s 11d. A good deal of frozen pork is now on the market, and is worth 4s 1d to 4s 6d.

A consignment of 1950 quarters of chilled beef, from Brazil, has been on sale at Smithfield. This is the first shipment of any moment from the Companhia Frigorifica e Pastoril San Paulo, who have had, it is said, many serious difficulties to overcome in preparing the meat for shipment. The meat itself was plain, but generally of fair quality. The quarters being light weights, had a ready sale at 4s 4d to 4s 6d for hinds, and 3s 7d to 3s 9d for fores. A little later, it is reported, this Frigorifico will be in a position to send a higher standard of beef to the London market.

A "Times" cable from Buenos Ayres, dated February 25, says:—Exports of frozen and chilled beef to the United Kingdom during the past week reached the large total of 100,000 quarters, including 60,000 shipped to London direct.

Lecturing on "The Transport of Refrigerated Meat" at the City of London College, Mr. A. R. T. Woods said he could not conceive anything more crude and primitive than the insulated barge now in use for perishable goods traffic on the Thames. It was very questionable in the first place whether it was clean, or had been disinfected or washed after discharging its last cargo. It was not at all an unknown thing for consignments to be discharged in soft condition, if not worse. The time had come when more notice should be given to these details by the authorities, who should insist upon suitable craft being provided, with frequent official inspection. In no department of refrigeration had such progress been made as in the oversea transport of perishable foodstuffs. Shipowners had provided highly specialised vessels for that purpose, and had equipped them with machinery which was a triumph of invention and engineering skill. On the other hand, the horse-drawn insulated vans in use in England for the conveyance of meat from the docks to the markets were capable of much improvement, as were the insulated cars in use on the English railways. It was obvious that if the provision of specialised ships and costly machinery was not supplemented by scientific methods of distribution, there was a weak link in the chain of communication between producer and consumer.

CHEESE SHIPMENTS.

HIGH VALUES REALISED.

LONDON, March 5.

The cheese market has shown considerably more activity and values have appreciated about 2s to 4s per cwt. Arrivals have consisted of about 27,000 crates New Zealand, per Mamari and Kia Ora. The fact that the Government has again issued tenders for March delivery has put a very strong tone into the market. New Zealand cheese, which was selling last week at 87/ to 88/, is now quoted 92/, and is expected to advance even higher. There is very little New Zealand in stock, and prices are more or less nominal at from 90/ to 94/, according to quality. The steamer Essex, with a consignment of Australian cheese, is now discharging and values range from 85/ to 89/, according to quality and size of the cheese. It is satisfactory to be able to report that the bulk of this cheese has turned out well; and those shippers, who, at the beginning of the season, decided to risk consignment to the London market will reap a rich harvest. Subsequent arrivals will probably make still higher prices. Of course times are abnormal, but the results obtained this season should encourage the development of the cheese export trade to Great Britain.

THE BUTTER BUSINESS.

VIOLENT FLUCTUATIONS ABROAD.

LONDON, March 5.

The butter market during the past fortnight has been subject to somewhat violent fluctuations. At the beginning of last week Danish butter was selling at very cheap prices; and as low as 126/ c.i.f. Leith, Newcastle, Hull, and Grimsby was accepted. And it was even suggested that still lower prices might be looked for. New Zealand butters, which had been selling at 132/ to 134/ dropped to 128/ to 130/, whilst Australians were freely offered at 126/ to 128/. As the week progressed, however, a very much firmer tone was noticeable, and a large amount of speculative buying set in. Prices rapidly advanced, and by yesterday week the official quotations from Copenhagen, for Danish, came through "unchanged," but with an upward tendency. This mid-week there was general expectation that the quotation would be advanced 3 to 4 kr. at least. All other butter advanced in sympathy with Danish. New Zealand two days ago was on offer at 136/, whilst Australians were firm at 132/ to 134/, with the expectation that the market would go still higher before the end of the month. There is no doubt that the recent heavy decline in Danish butter has brought about a reaction; and as so often happens on this market prices were allowed to run down too rapidly.

From now onwards New Zealand and Australian arrivals will be on a diminishing scale, and shipments will also be very irregular, owing to the extreme scarcity of refrigeratory tonnage freight. The Mamari and the Kia Ora have landed close upon 60,000 boxes of New Zealand butter, all of which have met with a ready market. The bulk of this butter is now in second hands, and buyers are eagerly awaiting the next shipment per the steamer Somerset, due about March 8, with about 25,000 boxes. After this steamer the next arrival is the Waiwera, with only about 16,000 to 17,000 boxes. There are those who expect that New Zealand butter will advance to 140/ before the arrival of the above steamers. As to Australian butter, the Maloja, Lake Blanco, Sicyle, Bords, Tesmaports A28 and 37, Tropic, and Demosthenes, have all docked, but deliveries are very slow. The butters on these steamers are sold as fast as they can be landed. As mentioned above, values of Australian butter have ranged from 132/ to 134/ for salted, and 132/ to 134/ and 136/ for unsalted.

The Copenhagen quotation was raised 3kr. yesterday. To-day at the close of business, Victorian, New South Wales, and Queensland salted and unsalted, finest, were quoted 132/ to 134/, up to 136/, with New South Wales, good to fine, 126/ to 128/. New Zealand to-day ranged from 134/ to 136/, up to 138/.

IRRIGATION AT HAY.

The Acting-Commissioner for Irrigation reports:—The far western portion of Riverina, has, perhaps, suffered more from the recent drought than any other section of the State. Bearing this fact in mind recent reports received as to the results achieved on the Hay Irrigation area make interesting reading. In spite of many heat waves of unusual intensity, and dust storms more numerous than is usually the case in the west, the fruit crops produced under irrigation at Hay have been quite up to former years. Apricots bore exceptionally heavy crops, but as is usual under such circumstances the fruit was somewhat small in size. Its quality, however, more than compensated for this, and, although the bulk of the later crop was dried and disposed of through the Australian Dried Fruits Association at published prices, a considerable quantity of the early crop met with a ready and satisfactory sale as fresh fruit. Heavy winds and windstorms caused considerable damage to the peach crop during the ripening period, but as it was particularly heavy it gave lucrative returns generally, in spite of this loss. The extra early peaches were exceptionally profitable. The only grapes grown on the Hay irrigation area to any extent are Gordo blanco. These cropped very well, but perhaps not quite as heavily as in more favourable seasons, the quality however, being all that could be desired.

THE DIVINING ROD.

Mr. T. E. Griggs, Fareham, Girilambone writes:—For some years our western district has been very short in the rainfall average. All the old waterholes and creeks have dried up, or stopped running for some time. The Marra Creek, on which we depended for our house and garden supplies, failed, and is drier now than it has been for the last 15 years. So it was get water or let everything die. I tried the divining rod, and some distance away on the other side of the creek I found a stream of water. With care I followed it up, till it came within 10ft of my garden. We sunk a shaft, and at 45ft struck a splendid supply of fresh water. What makes this more interesting is that on either side there is a big flow of salt water. Eight out of ten wells put down have been salt. Still, this can be avoided by using the rod, and as there is such a big part of the State short of water, it seems a pity not to use such a simple method. I know that there are a lot of graziers and others who do not believe in the rod. Well, let them enjoy their own opinions; I have the well, with 5ft of water in it, and we know what that means in a district like this. My advice to those short of water is to try the rod. I have never found a family yet but some member could use the rod.

YANCO LUCERNE.

"Ishmaelite" writes:—I notice a paragraph in your paper re lucerne growing at Yanco, and stating that if Yanco settlers can grow lucerne equal in quality to a sample bale sent by the experiment farm all would be well. I felt rather surprised in reading this as we have sent both large and small dump pressed lucerne to the show and have done so for two years. This lucerne has been pronounced by experts from Tamworth and Mudgee to be equal to the best produced in those districts. Not only this, but it is perfectly cured and our climate lends itself to this, and in consequence our lucerne bales contain much more lucerne per ton (owing to its dryness) than bales from the moister districts. But as you rightly remark our legitimate industry is to feed it into stock in a similar way to what is done in other countries. At the same time Yanco will yet produce, as time goes on, a surplus even after conserving for winter, as I am convinced that when the lands are sub-soiled and limed (we have plenty of lime in the lower farms) and fore have plenty of time in the lower farms) and forest then we can rely upon six cuts per season of a ton per cut. With a thousand settlers, say, there would be a immense weight of this fodder produced. It is assumed by some that under irrigation the lucerne plant grows rank and coarse in the stem, but this is not so as our lucerne under normal conditions grows at the rate of one inch per diem, giving a crop 28in in 28 days to 30in or more even, and this quick growth is not conducive to coarseness. The pastoralists around prefer our lucerne and pay more for it than what they would pay for other stuff not so well cured and more weighty in the bale, and which heats when kept. There is no danger of heating from lucerne grown at Yanco.

MANILA WOOL TRADE.

The Commercial Commissioner in the East (Mr. J. B. Suttor), in a despatch to the Premier, states that he has managed to interest Manila hat manufacturers in Australian wools suitable for felting. One factory, Mr. Suttor reports, produces about 50,000 dozen hats yearly, and as the war has stopped the importation of the necessary material from Europe, the manufacturer is anxious to import from Australia direct.

STOCK ROUTES.

"Fairplay" writes:—A lot of opinions and suggestions have lately been made about the stock reserves, but nothing seems to be said about the men who have taken up land on them. The common procedure is this:—You are granted a lease of, say, 1000 acres of land, scrub lease and stock route. You, perhaps, are allowed the sole use of 200 acres, but have to pay rent, improve, and keep down rabbits, on the whole. In the cases I mention, although after a few years there is more grass on 50 acres than there was on the whole, the tenant's position does not improve. Let him try for a little more land and see how quickly the P.P. Board —"this natural enemy"—is down on him. The trouble is that most stock routes are also forest reserves, and bad ones at that; and the other trouble is that dealers who have very little or no land get more benefit than the bona fide travelling mob. The drover of one mob of 3000 calmly told me the other day that they were really travelling till they were sold. If 10 chains were left and reserves every six miles, and properly improved (you can't grow grass and timber) it would be sufficient. Or give the tenant of the 1000-acre block 400 acres for his sole use, and let him keep the remainder in order. But the P.P. Boards want all and give nothing. The merits of any case are nothing to them. One has only to glance at the report of a P.P. Board meeting and he will see ten out of twelve applications "objected to," and you can be sure the remaining two don't concern the board much or they would also be treated similarly. A tenant can only run stock enough to suit 200 acres, as he never knows the moment when mob after mob will appear and eat him clean out. He would look well with, say, 400 lambing ewes, as was the case of one man I know. They just had to be sacrificed. As far as I can see the tenant keeps the land in this case, it does not keep him.

RAILWAY DELAYS.

JERILDERIE, Monday.

At a meeting of the executive of the Jerilderie branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association on Saturday afternoon, strong comments were made on the delay of the railway authorities in forwarding seed wheat and fodder, thus delaying applicants in putting in their crops. Horses were falling away in condition owing to the non-arrival of the fodder.

JERILDERIE SHOW.

JERILDERIE.—A general meeting of members of the Riverina Pastoral and Agricultural Society was held on Saturday. The treasurer submitted a report, which showed a debit balance of about £40. After a long discussion, a resolution, by a majority of two, was carried, deciding that the show be abandoned for the year.

CEREAL EXPERIMENT AREA.

MOLONG.—At the last meeting of the Eurimbla Agricultural Bureau a communication was received from the Department of Agriculture offering to establish a cereal experiment area in the locality next season. A number of members offered to supply the requisite land.

THE SEASON.

MORE RAIN WANTED.

CULCAIRN.—In the recent rainfall Culcairn received 15 points, but more is needed. Many of the farmers on the Rendens and Walla subdivisions received over an inch in other parts not half an inch has creeked. The grass is bursting from the ground, but another inch would be exceedingly welcome. On farms near Walla and on the road to Walbundrie the wheat is showing above the ground. Many of the pluck-owners who have had their sheep round Moss Vale are rejoicing over the bountiful rainfall received there. A great many farmers have bored for water, and in most cases the result has been very gratifying. The Culcairn Shire Council bored for water at Walbundrie near the Billabong, and struck a good supply of excellent quality.

PILLIGA SCRUB.

Mr. J. P. Kenna, Pretty Plains, Pilliga, writes that he thinks the method of subdividing Pilliga Scrub, as suggested by the Minister for Lands and Agriculture, would be a very suitable manner of placing people on the land in the locality. He adds:—"I would like to point out to the Minister for Lands that by placing the people on those blocks without water for their stock means they would have to endure great hardships. Water can be obtained at shallow depths, but the supply is very uncertain. The wells are only soakage, and dry up in long dry spells, such as the present drought. I would suggest putting down artesian bores for every few miles. There are small, shallow creeks running through the greater portion of the scrub that would lead the water in many directions and be a great boon to the farmer."

RABBIT TRADE.

The Minister for Agriculture is in receipt of a communication from the Agent-General in London, forwarding a copy of a report on New South Wales rabbits by the steamer Indramin. The inspector states that he attended at the shipside, Victoria Docks, and examined a quantity of the rabbits by the vessel. He found them to be hard frozen, clean and dry, and as far as could be seen they were in a sound condition. A few of the crates were broken during discharge, but these were repaired before being sent away.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Following is the result of the election of 18 committeemen for the Coff's Harbour Agricultural Society.—W. Perkins, D. E. Mitchell, W. J. Smith, H. L. Macdonald, W. G. M'Leod, L. F. Ither, W. T. Johnson, A. L. Walsh, D. M'Gregor, W. T. Perry, P. Houlahan, J. P. Hammond, W. Moore, J. Burling, W. J. Buchanan, N. Glass, C. S. Irvine, A. E. Long, D. Campbell.

COOMA.—Large numbers of sheep sent to the mountains for summer pasture have been removed during the present month for trucking to Riverina. The weather is cool.

DUBBO.—During the last couple of months many thousands of acres of grass country in the Dubbo district have been leased to Riverina graziers whose relief country in Victoria has given out. Mr. W. Kilpatrick, of Cornella station, in the Deniliquin district, who had his stock on country in Victoria, and who has recently been hand-feeding extensively, has completed negotiations for the leasing of 14,000 acres of grass country in the Dubbo district.

MANILLA.—Since the late rain farmers are busy ploughing and sowing, but much more rain is needed.

MOLONG.—Now that the long looked-for rain has come and gone the agricultural conditions of the Molong district are greatly improved. On all sides ploughing operations are in progress, and in a large number of instances extra areas are being put under cultivation. On several holdings sowing is already well advanced. Manildra district, in particular, has revived wonderfully, and the prospects for the ensuing season are very promising. Heavy clouds are still hovering over the district.

NABIAC.—Good rains have fallen all through the Wallamba district—over 2 inches within the last few days. Farmers are now able to plough for winter feed. Although it has been a splendid season for crops and grass, and stock are all in good condition, February and March were hot and dry, with hot winds. Before the rain, bush fires were fast destroying the high grass, but places saved from fire are now depasturing about 1000 head of starving stock from Riverina. The cream supply had gone off considerably, but is again improving.

TAREE.—Showery weather has been experienced during the week, and there have been some good falls on the Lower Manning. The rain came at a time when it was most beneficial, and means that the feed for winter is practically assured in the lower forma tions. The grass has assumed a rich green hue, and, particularly where there had been fires, is making splendid growth. The prospects for the coming winter are very rosy, both as regards dairying and mixed farming. The district has seldom looked better at the advent of the winter months than it is doing now, and stock of all descriptions are in excellent condition, whilst crops are looking well.

WOLLONGONG.—There is at present considerable difficulty in getting enough milk for the city milk trade in this district. The companies are taking all—night and morning milk. It appears that the cattle have gone off more in yield than has been known for some years. The Dairy Farmers' Milk Company are taking full supplies, and their trade has become so enlarged of late that the state of the season in making it difficult for them to fulfil orders. However, with late bounteous rains there is no doubt that within a few weeks they will be able to secure all the milk they require.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

GARDEN SOIL.

"E.S." (Marrickville).—You do not state what kind of ashes you have used. Wood ashes contain lime and some potash and are most beneficial to garden soil, coal or coke ashes have little or no fertilising value; soot also has little fertilising value. If your soil is normal, containing sand and clay, you should try one of the recognised complete fertiliser mixtures, such as are obtainable from any manure agent.

THE UNIVERSITY.

At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Sydney the following appointments were made on the recommendation of the respective committees of selection:—Woodley Scholarship, Mr. H. Duncan Hall, M.A.; Walter and Eliza Hall Engineering Fellowship, Mr. E. P. Taylor, B.E.; Walter and Eliza Hall Agricultural Fellowship, Mr. H. Stephens, B.Sc. (Agric.); Walter and Eliza Hall Research Medical Fellowship, Dr. A. J. Collins; Walter and Eliza Hall Veterinary Science Research Fellowship, Mr. W. L. Hindmarsh, B.V.Sc.

On the recommendation of the professorial board the following were appointed to science research scholarships:—Mr. W. E. Pike, B.E.; Mr. G. J. Playfair; Mr. F. G. Brown, B.E.; Mr. E. P. Hamilton, B.Sc.; Mr. T. D. E. Jones, B.Sc.; and Mr. J. T. M'Mahon, B.E.

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FUNERALS.

BERWICK. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BERWICK are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Myrtle G. O. Burwood, which will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at Methodist Church, Burwood, Train leaves Central Station 3 o'clock.
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CAMPBELL. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID CAMPBELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Hilda May Campbell, from 22 Beauchamp-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
H. DANGAR and CO., Undertakers,
424 George-street West.

[illegible] The Friends of Mrs. E. RYAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND (Police M. 4), to leave 22 Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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CHARLTON. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. HUSH CHARLTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, Percy M., to leave 22 Lawson-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Rookwood Cemetery.
H. DANGAR and CO., Undertakers.

DOUGLAS. The Friends of the late Mr. ROBERT DOUGLAS are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, which will take place THIS (Tuesday) MORNING, leaving the Funeral Chapel, Rookwood, at 11 o'clock.
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HALL. The Friends of Mr. ISRAEL HALL, Balmain, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE (Ada), to move from his late residence, 19 Ewen-street, Balmain, at 2.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Wollongong.
H. PARSONS.

LOCK. The Friends of the late WILLIAM HENRY LOCK are invited to attend the Funeral, THIS (Tuesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, from 3 Ingleby-street, Enfield, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'NEILL. The Friends of Mr. GEORGE O'BRIEN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Sarah, to leave 22 Pine-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
H. DANGAR and CO., Undertakers.

O'NEILL. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD O'NEILL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Sarah, to leave 22 Pine-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'NEILL. The Friends of Mrs. LYLE and Mrs. RAMSAY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Sarah, to leave 22 Pine-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'NEILL. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. RYAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Sarah, to leave 22 Pine-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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O'NEILL. The Friends of EDWARD, ANNIE, NELLIE and ELSIE COLLIGAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-loved AUNTIE, Sarah, from the residence of their parents, Pine-street, Burwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood cemetery.

SMITH. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD GEORGE SMITH, of Pearl Cottage, Kent-road, Mascot, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved INFANT DAUGHTER, Annie Lucy, to leave a Lansdowne Hearse, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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STANFIELD. The Friends of Mr. LAURA STANFIELD and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly-loved HUSBAND and Father, Arthur Benjamin, to leave his late residence, 27 Mary-street, Erskineville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 12.45 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.
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STEWART. The Friends of Mrs. ELLEN STEWART are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, John F., to move from his late residence, Leichhardt, 167 Marion-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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STEWART. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. OSMOND STEWART are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved FATHER, John F., to move from his late residence, 167 Marion-street, Leichhardt, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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STINCLAIR. The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS STINCLAIR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the late deceased, to leave his late residence, 126 Denison-street, Rose Bay, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via Randwick tram.
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CO-OPERATIVE SOMNAMBONIC Society, Members and Friends are requested to attend the Funeral of our late Brother, THOMAS SINCLAIR, to leave his late residence, Carnarvon, TO-DAY (Tuesday), for Rookwood.
A. WYLIE, Pres. R. WORRALL, Secretary.

TAME. The Friends of Mr. IVAN ARTHUR TAME are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Mary, to leave Cottage Hospital, Auburn, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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TAME. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES DUFF TAME and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Mary, to leave Cottage Hospital, Auburn, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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TAME. The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. TAME and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER-IN-LAW and SISTER-IN-LAW, Margaret Tame, to leave Cottage Hospital, Auburn, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
H. MITCHELL, Undertaker, Parramatta. Tel., 96.

WATKINSON. The Friends of Mr. JAMES WATKINSON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly-loved WIFE and their beloved Margaret Reta, to leave her late residence, 9 Middlesex-terrace, Normanby, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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BIRTHS.

GOODRICH.—April 11, at Nurse Paige's private hospital, Arnsleigh, Gladstone-avenue, Mosman, the wife of Frank W. Coombes—a son.

KEMP-BRUCE.—March 26, at Manly, the wife of Jack Kemp-Bruce, of Gilgandra—a son.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

SIPPE—ROBERTS.—April 13, 1865, at High-Church-street, Surry Hills, by the Rev. S. Rabone, Robert Dixon, son of the late George Sippe, Professor of Music, to Sophia, fourth daughter of Stephen Roberts, City Missionary. Present address, Ivanhoe, Gordon.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS.

HAWKE—JORDAN.—April 12, 1855, at All Saints' Church, Singleton, by the late Rev. James Blackwood, John Hawke to Mary Ann Jordan. Present address, Armidale.

DEATHS.

HAYES.—April 9, at her residence, Hudson-street, Hurstville, Susan Edith, aged 75 years.

KEMP-BRUCE.—April 11, at Manly, John Kemp, the infant son of Jack and Elsie Kemp-Bruce, aged 17 days.

KENANE.—April 8, 1915, at Bourke-street, South Goulburn, John Joseph, eldest son of the late Frank Kenane, of Camden, aged 66 years.

O'NEILL.—April 12, 1915, at her late residence, 37 Pitt-street, city, Sarah O'Neill, aged 39 years. R.I.P.

PARK.—March 22, 1915, at Clayfield, Brisbane, Everard Leath Park, Bank of New South Wales, Fortitude Valley, aged 68 years.

RICHARDSON.—April 11, Minna Mary, wife of Dr. S. L. Richardson, The Elms, Queanbeyan.

SEALE.—April 10, at Darwin, Marcus Harold (late manager Wave Hill Station, Northern Territory), eldest son of M. H. Seale, of Gurley, Belmore River, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ireland, of Burwood, aged 36 years. Panmunkia.

WOLFENDEN.—April 10, 1915, Evan Wolfenden (Barney), late of Ashfield, aged 54 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARGAREY.—In loving memory of my dear father, Denis Bargarey, who departed this life April 13, 1912, aged 73 years. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Polly.

BILLINGTON.—In loving memory of our dear son, Joseph, who was accidentally killed at Scarborough, South Clifton, April 13, 1907, aged 24 years and 4 months.

It seems but a day since he bade us goodbye,
His heart full of hope and his spirit so high;
How little we thought when he left us that day
The grim hand of death would soon tear him away.
So gentle and kind, how we miss his dear face,
Now we know that on earth we can never fill his place;
That asleep in his Saviour, where grief is unknown,
In sorrow and tears are his loved ones at home.

Inserted by his loving mother and father, brothers and sisters, of Dora-street, Hurstville.

BYRNE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret Byrne, who died April 13, 1914, at Kensington, aged 53 years. At rest. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, John and Ada Byrne.

COLTMAN.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Harold, who passed away at the Sydney Hospital on Easter Sunday morning, 1914.

No sympathy is needed now,
Your cares are all at rest;
But happy they who now can say
Who loved and served you best.

Inserted by his loving comrades.

DOLAN.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband and our father, Samuel Thomas Dolan, who departed this life April 13, 1913, aged 52 years.

While you lie in peaceful sleep,
Your memory we will always keep.

Inserted by his loving wife and family, son-in-law, and grandson, Noah.

DOUBLEDAY.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of my loving wife, Annie May Doubleday, who departed this life on April 13, 1914, at Grenfell.

A voice is from my household gone,
A voice I loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in my heart,
Which never can be filled.

Inserted by her loving husband, C. L. Doubleday.

ELMES.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Clara Sarah Elmes, who died April 13, 1902. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by her loving children, E. C. and H. L. Gibb, H. H. Thorpe, G. E. and R. F. Chapman, M. M. and W. G. Holloway, H. E. and C. W. Elmes, and Miss F. H. Elmes.

GARRY.—In sad and loving memory of my dear wife, Violet, who departed this life on April 13, 1909. Inserted by her loving husband, J. Garry, and children.

GORDON.—In loving memory of my dearly loved mother, who departed this life April 13, 1914. Not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter and son, Ada and Donald.

HARFORD.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Jesse Hazel Hilton Harford, who died suddenly, April 13 (Easter Monday), 1914, aged 51 years. Inserted by his loving wife and family, of 59 Gurner-street, Paddington, Sydney.

In loving memory of our darling little nephew, Jack, who went home to join the angels April 13, 1914. A sweet little God in heaven. Inserted by his loving aunts and uncle, Ettie and Hilton Stedman.

JONES.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, John Edward Jones, who departed this life April 13, 1914, aged 46 years.

Your end came sudden, dear one,
It made us weep and mourn,
And, oh, it was so sad to think
I could not say good-bye.

Inserted by his loving wife, Lisa Jones, and three children, Jack, Roy, and Colin.

JONES.—In fond and loving memory of my dear son, Jack, who departed this life April 13, 1914, aged 30 years.

The face I loved is now laid low,
The fond true heart is still;
The hand so often clasped in mine,
Lies now in death so chill.

Inserted by his loving mother, S. Jones, and brother, Will.

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear brother, John Edward (Jack), aged 30, who passed away on April 13, 1914, after a short illness.

The call came sudden, brother dear,
That made us weep and mourn,
And, oh, it was so hard to think
We could not say good-bye.

Inserted by his loving brother and sisters, Wallace, Emily, Blanche, and Alice.

JONES.—In loving memory of our dear son-in-law and brother-in-law, John Edward Jones, who departed this life April 13, 1914, aged 30 years.

This is the day that is sad to recall,
This is the day of remembrance to all.

Inserted by Daniel and Mary Taylor and family.

LEWIS.—In ever-loving memory of my husband and our darling daddie, Percy Cecil, who passed away on April 13, 1914. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife, Emily, and children, Willie, Albert, and Sidney.

McMILLAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Daniel McMillan, who died April 13, 1906. At rest. Inserted by his loving wife, Grace McMillan.

MILLER.—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, Elizabeth Miller, who died suddenly April 13, 1909, at Pyrmont. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and James Farrier.

MOORE.—In loving remembrance of my dear son, Willie Moore, who died at Bursed, April 13, 1904. Inserted by his loving mother, M. A. Moore.

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Vera May, who departed this life April 13, 1911. R.I.P.

We did not clasp your hand, dear Vera,
We did not see you die,
We only know you passed away,
And never said good-bye.

Inserted by her loving mother and father and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Chris., and Walter.

ROBINSON.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Vera, who departed this life April 13, 1911.

Short and sudden was the call
Of her so dearly loved by all.
Her memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour she passed away.

Inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robinson.

ROBINSON.—In ever-loving memory of my dear sister, Vera May, who departed this life April 13, 1911.

Never forgotten by her loving
Aged 16 years.
sister and brother-in-law, John and Rose White.

RYAN.—In loving remembrance of my dear sister-in-law, Annie, and our dear auntie, who departed this life April 13, 1914.

Her years, hours, and days of pain,
Her troubled nights are past;
The ever-patient worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

Inserted by her loving sister-in-law, Eva, and niece and nephews.

SEARLE.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife, Rhoda, who died April 13, 1909, at Botany-road, Alexandria. At rest. Inserted by her loving husband, sister, and aunt, Elizabeth Louisa Searle, who departed this life April 13, 1905, at Botany-road, Alexandria. At rest. Inserted by her loving husband, W. W. Searle, sister, Rhoda Dismore, niece, Rose Searle.

SMITH.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth J., who passed away at Newtown, April 13, 1911.

No one knows how much we miss you,
Only time the wound is healed,
That they little know the sorrow
Deep within our heart concealed.

Inserted by her ever-loving family.

SPENCE.—In sad but loving memory of our darling little son and brother, Jack, who was called home on April 13, 1914, aged 10 months.

Our precious bud was early called
To bloom in fairer, sunnier clime,
Jesus came to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom.
He sin could harm or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
The opening bud to heaven conveyed,
And bade it blossom there.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents, H. and K. Spence, and little sister, Daphne.

STEVENS.—In sad but loving memory of our darling little grandson, Jack, who departed this life on April 13, 1914, aged 10 months.

Little we thought we would lose you so soon,
Little we thought we would lose you so soon,
Loved little darling, just in your bloom.
Memory recalling, in fancy we trace
Jackie, our darling, your sweet little face.

Inserted by his loving grandparents, W. and F. Spence.

STEARN.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of my dear nephew, A. J. Stearn, who departed this life at Windsor, on the 12th April, 1914, aged 22 years.

In the bloom of his youth death claimed him,
In the pride of his manhood days,
To love him, but with praise.
None knew him but to love him,
None uttered his name but with praise.

Inserted by his loving aunt, Annie.

STEWART.—In sad but loving memory of my dear sister, Alice, who died at Parkes April 12, 1914.

We never knew the pain you bore,
We never saw you die,
We only know you passed away,
And could not say good-bye.

Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law and family, Lynda Lee.

STRONG.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Robert Strong, who departed this life April 13, 1914, aged 41. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving sister-in-law, and Kate, Jack, Nellie, and little Fanny.

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THE WAR ON TWO FRONTS.

It would be difficult to give a better idea of the difference between this and all the other wars in history, or of the total efforts of the belligerents, than by a statement of the figures published in our cables this morning. The length of the front occupied by the French armies is said to be 543 miles, by the Russians 850, by the British 31, and by the Belgians 17 miles. The figures at first sight seem to contradict the general impression of the value of the British contribution to the land forces of the Allies, since, although General French has now a great number of his expected reinforcements, his troops occupy so small a portion of the whole line. The impression, of course, is dissipated by a brief glance at a map of the western frontier. The French troops do occupy a far greater portion of the long line than the British or the Belgians, and especially in the south they have taken part in some gallant fighting, which passed almost unnoticed at the time. But though the number of miles of trenches occupied does prove the magnitude of the exertions of the belligerents as eloquently as the figures of their daily expenditure, it would be a very misleading guide to a comparison of the exertions of the different nations. It may very well prove that the small fraction of the whole held by the Belgian and British forces is equal in importance to the 543 miles held by the French. In fact, of course, no such comparison would ever be made by anyone who has followed the course of the war. The history of the spring and the winter has shown us the importance of viewing the two frontiers as a single battlefield, and each part of each frontier as depending for its success or failure on movements in other parts of the line. At times, no doubt, interest has centred in a small portion of the field. When the Germans were hurling themselves in regiment after regiment against the British at Ypres they were probably taking part in one of the decisive battles of the war. Ypres will always remain one of the greatest of British victories. It ended the second German offensive, and finally destroyed the legend of the invincible Prussian Guards. But the regiments who have added this new name to their records will not forget the French reinforcements who came up and decided the battle at its most critical point. The same lesson has been taught by the attacks on German positions gained early in the war, which owe their importance to means of communication by river or railway or canal. The battles round La Bassee at the head of a canal, or Bethune commanding important lines of railways, or St. Mihiel communicating with Metz and projecting into French territory, illustrate the interdependence of the whole line, and the cardinal importance of those points which command a path towards Germany or into France in the campaign now begun.

The lesson shows the danger of trusting too much to mere figures or of anticipating the results of fighting in fine weather by the progress achieved during months of trench warfare. In the spring we shall, no doubt, hear of positions taken and retaken, such as the crossing of the Yser and Hartmann's Weilerkopf. But we shall hear less of advances of a few metres, and more of advances or retreats which involve a whole line. The war will be an attack on means of communication, in which the Allies' superiority in aircraft will give them a decided advantage, and the great advance will begin when positions commanding the railway lines have been captured or effectively turned. General French drew attention again to the interdependence of the four armies when he justified the losses incurred at Neuve Chapelle and in the subsequent advance by the need of preventing reinforcements from reaching the German and Austrian armies in the East. Since then the German armies have been strengthened by reinforcements drawn, perhaps, from some other part of von Hindenburg's army; but they have come too late to give the needed assistance. The Austrian offensive after lasting eight weeks has now been definitely ended, and the Russian armies are gradually assuming control of the whole of the Carpathian passes. If the rumour is true that the German leaders have decided not to risk a further offensive movement in this region the invasion of Hungary will very soon be complete. It may very well be that no general advance will be attempted in the East until the Allies are free to move simultaneously in the West. The policy of the Allies will always be to prevent the Germans making use of their superiority in railways to move troops quickly from one threatened point to the other. So far since the end of the winter the policy of the Allies has been fairly successful. The German reinforcements have been insufficient to meet the Russians released by the fall of Przemysl. If this policy is continued they should be still more inferior to the Russian troops who now at last are finding their necessary equipment. If the rumour published this morning is true, Russia may soon be able to make use of the army now occupied in Asia-Minor. The demand of the Young Turks for three hundred thousand men to protect their territory is a just one; but it is hard to see how the Germans at the present time can either spare the men or send them to Turkey.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Our correspondence columns have been full of evidence of the interest taken by the community in the proposals of the Roman Catholic authorities to obtain a fine approach to St. Mary's Cathedral. We have published a plan of these proposals, the Lord Mayor has sent a copy of his minute, and a letter from the Church's solicitors, which we have also published, and broadly the facts of the case are before the public through the protests, appeals, and asseverations of the various parties concerned. To sum up the matter after dispassionate consideration is, however, not easy. The position must be accepted to begin with that the city is beautified or spoiled as its principal buildings either are made integral with it or offend the eye by bad approaches, ill designing, and lack of harmony with their surroundings. Some of our correspondents, who could not be charged with sectarian views, have pleaded for the city as against the Church. Visitors from other States and continents have urged that as the Roman Catholic cathedral, once erected, becomes in a measure public property, there should be no hesitation in giving it the desired approach. Their argument would undoubtedly have to be accepted if the events leading up to the erection of the cathedral could be taken at face value as they have been recited by the Church's advocates and apologists. As champions of the city beautiful, we say unhesitatingly that it would be a pity if so fine a building should become a reproach to us because of any lack of public spirit in giving it a suitable setting. But the truth is that the Roman Catholic Church has created a dilemma which in all fairness it ought to help in ending. The city must be harmonious, and the cathedral should undoubtedly have a suitable approach. But the Church in the first instance prepared the way for discord and lack of proportion. Its architect was permitted, or was ordered, to bring the foundations of the Cathedral so far forward that harmony in the approach can only be attained at the expense of the city's streets and open spaces; and now the onus of refusing to take a self-evident and very necessary course is sought to be thrown upon the Lord Mayor and aldermen of Sydney. They are, indeed, suspected of being willing to pose as victims of a dilemma by giving in, but the public must now see that justice is done. This will not come by giving way, but by insisting that the Roman Catholic Church shall bear its full share of responsibility, financial and other, for creating the dilemma.

Fortunately there can be no hole-and-corner settlement of this business. It does not rest finally with the City Council to say whether the concessions asked for by the Church authorities shall or shall not be granted. The law has to be reckoned with and the Government of the State satisfied that the community will receive fair play in any adjustments recommended by the aldermen. Streets are not altered or obliterated, nor are parks reduced in area, simply because a majority can be found round the council table at the Town Hall for such a course; and when the machinery of administration higher up has to be set going, as in this case, there must be exhaustive inquiry, and a justification put on record satisfactory to Parliament itself, which eventually may become the final arbiter. Here, then, are the salient facts. Even now there is an encroachment by the Church, since Mr. Jessep's statement under this head has not been challenged. But this apparently is to be settled by the proposed readjustment, which according to the letter of the solicitors as above mentioned will add a substantial area—24,000 square feet—to the park "without any surrender of the council's title to any part of it." Yet the equivalent asked in free lighting, construction, and maintenance of the new work does not seem at all fair. At any rate, just here comes the heart of the matter. The dilemma can only be dissolved by a consideration of two alternatives. Either the cathedral must be built and remain a reproach to everyone concerned in its design and position, by reason of any refusal to grant a suitable approach largely at the expense of the public, or there must be a fair business bargain. It is clear, for one thing, that the proposals of the Church authorities if granted will add very considerably to the value of the whole property. Even if, in the first place, they had been the victims of circumstances instead of making circumstances their victim, they would stand to receive substantial compensation. Indeed, it would not be a question of compensation, but of direct and manifest gain. As things are they cannot expect the public to think of, much less discuss, compensation, or the give and take of ordinary adjustments. They should be prepared to pay in fair proportion for the substantial enhancement of value which will accrue from the acceptance of their proposals. This is a matter that should not be difficult to settle. Business men without prepossessions or sectarian bias can be found quite capable of saying what would be fair to both the Church and the community, and their judgment should be taken as final.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson returned to Melbourne by the Sydney express yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor arrived in Sydney yesterday morning from Sutton Forest.

His Excellency the Governor attended Wirth's entertainment in aid of the Belgian War Fund yesterday afternoon. His Excellency was accompanied by Miss Strickland and Miss Henrietta Strickland.

Mr. Justice Rich, of the High Court Bench, has received a cablegram from the British War Office, stating that Lieutenant J. S. Rich, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, who was invalided in Rouen, returned to duty at the front on April 7.

Mr. F. Leverrier, K.C., has been re-elected Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney.

Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Macdonald, of Dunedin (New Zealand), arrived by the Mokoia yesterday, and will leave by the Morea for Europe, where they intend to take up medical work among the soldiers in France.

News has been received from England that Mr. Alfred J. Robson, B.Sc., New South Wales Rhodes Scholar for 1912, has been granted a commission in the Army Service Corps. Lieutenant Robson obtained his Oxford degree last year.

At the Methodist Central Mission Hall last night the Rev. F. J. Stephen, who has relinquished the superintendency after seven years' service, owing to ill-health, was farewelled by a very large gathering. The Rev. W. G. Taylor presided, and during the evening Mr. Stephen was presented with a cheque, subscribed to by the various classes connected with the mission.

Alderman H. C. Catt, an ex-Mayor of Lane Cove, who has been ill for some four months, is now making good progress towards complete recovery.

Dr. R. B. Minnett, the international and University cricketer, who recently gained his degree, will leave by the Melbourne express this evening on his way to England to enlist in the Imperial Army.

Mr. Malcolm Ross, who has been appointed by the New Zealand Government to act as official correspondent with the New Zealand troops on active service, arrived in Sydney by the Mokoia yesterday, en route to London.

THE MILITARY CROSS.

We publish on page 12 of to-day's issue an illustration of the Military Cross, together with a description of this new British war decoration.

LABOUR PARTY.

CRITICAL POSITION IN STATE.

MR. CARMICHAEL'S VIEW.

"The State Parliamentary Labour movement is entering on a very strenuous and difficult period of its existence, and will, during the remainder of the Parliament, require the services of all its friends if it is to have the further opportunity to carry out its platform."

This was the main reason advanced by Mr. Carmichael in a letter sent to the Leichhardt Political Labour League declining a requisition from that body that he should submit himself for selection as the candidate for Dailey. In a letter conveying the requisition of the branch, and signed by the president and the secretary of the league, it was pointed out to Mr. Carmichael that there exists a "necessity of having in our national Parliament at this juncture our very ablest men." As a second reason for declining the request, Mr. Carmichael said: "If I should at any time enter Federal politics I prefer to do so by winning a seat from the opponents of our movement rather than accepting a safe seat by the process of selection through my friends".

Polling day, under the Act, must be on a Saturday, and about the middle of May has been suggested as a suitable time for the holding of the election. The date of nomination must be not less than seven days, and not more than 21 days, after the issue of the writ, which will probably take place early next week.

A meeting of the Liberal Association executive was held last night to discuss the question of contesting the by-election.

FIXING PRICES.

BUTTER ADVANCED.

BRAN AND POLLARD QUESTION.

From to-day the retail price of butter charged by the grocer will be 1 3/4 per lb; if "booked" 1/4, and if sold and delivered by a butterman in a special cart the price will be 1/4).

These increases were granted by the Necessary Commodities Control Commission (Mr. Justice Edmunds, Chairman), yesterday, as an outcome of an application by the "butter-men"—retailers who pack the butter into "prints" and deliver it to the consumers' door on ice. Handled in this manner the buttermen claimed, the butter was a superior article to that sold across the counter, and the maximum price of 1/3) per lb fixed by the commission last week as a result of an application by the retail grocers did not allow the buttermen a sufficient margin of profit to meet the additional expenses entailed in the special preparation and delivery of the commodity.

W. H. Roberts, a Hunter's Hill butterman, stated that the increases in the price of fodder, wrapping paper, and other items, had been so great during the past few weeks that he was losing, approximately, one halfpenny on every pound of butter sold.

Albert John Townsend, North Sydney, stated that the buttermen of the northern suburbs were entirely dependent upon the sale of butter and eggs, and their customers were prepared to pay a little extra and obtain their supplies chilled and conveniently packed. The buttermen purchased from the factories, and their packing and chilling arrangements were under the supervision of the Health authorities.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Representatives of the New South Wales Millers' Association appeared before the commission with a view to getting a more definite ruling in regard to the selling price of bran and pollard in the country districts.

After hearing evidence the commission decided to reserve its decision, but Mr. Justice Edmunds promised that before a proclamation was issued it would be submitted to the millers for their criticism. The course most favoured was that the prices in the country should be those ruling in the city, viz.—bran, £7/10/ per ton, and pollard £8 per ton, with all existing customs as to delivery to continue.

KEROSENE OIL AND PETROLEUM.

Persons desirous of giving evidence at the inquiry on Thursday, regarding the wholesale and retail prices of kerosene oil and petroleum spirits, are invited to communicate with the secretary (Mr. R. Oxington), so that representative witnesses may be selected.

ZONE OF THE DEAD.

SCENE AROUND YPRES.

TANGLE OF DEATH AND RUIN.

An account by Eye Witness of the dreadful scenes around Ypres, written under date of February 26, is published in the London newspapers.

On the night of February 21, he says, an accident apparently caused an explosion of one or more magazines in the German trenches near the Lys, north of Armentieres, for a series of reports was heard, and a portion of their line was enveloped in flames. The large stores of bombs and hand grenades containing high explosives, which in this fighting have to be kept in the forward trenches, may cause such accidents unless the utmost care is exercised.

On the morning of February 21 the enemy blew up a short length of trench east of Ypres and occupied some 40 yards of it. His efforts to advance beyond this point were prevented only by the coolness and daring of our officers and men. In order to check the enemy's onslaught a machine gun detachment dashed forward into the open under a terrific fire and brought their guns into action at point blank range almost on the brink of the cavity caused by the explosion. A machine gun was also directed on the enemy's supports, who were thus prevented from reinforcing the troops in front. At a turn in one of these narrow passages a sergeant and a private took their stand, and held the trench, alone and unaided against the oncoming Germans, shooting or bayoneting them one after another as they came round the corner. In the confusion inseparable from such fighting one of our officers and a French corporal found themselves alone with in a few yards of a trench held by the Germans. To go forward or back was impossible, so they threw themselves flat on their faces. Fortunately there was at this spot a slight dip in the ground, so that, although their presence was known to the enemy, they were just out of reach of the German bullets, yet so close did these fall that both were scarred and bruised all over by the stones thrown up by the bullets on striking the ground. They lay there from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., when they crawled back to our lines.

The aspect of the narrow strip between the hostile lines in the woods round Ypres almost defies description. If the reader can imagine what a wood would look like with most of the trees either felled altogether or half sawn through and lying with their tops on the ground; if he can further imagine this wood standing in soft muddy clay, in which every few yards there is all several feet deep, and if he can again picture to himself the whole of this tangle of dead vegetation, mud, and deep pits, heaped from end to end with thousands of German corpses, the majority of whom have lain there since November, he will then gain some idea of the appearance of this awful zone of the dead that lies between us and the enemy.

BUTTER SCARCITY IN MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

It is understood that, in view of the scarcity of butter supplies in Victoria, some shipments of Australian butter which are now arriving, or will soon arrive, in London are likely to be returned to Melbourne if freight can be arranged. The difficulty in this matter is that much of the butter sent from Melbourne to London since the beginning of the year has been exported only because of its quality being almost useless for the local market.

To enable the butter purchased from New Zealand to be landed as cheaply as possible it is likely that traders will approach the Minister for Trade and Customs, Mr. Tudor, and ask that the import duty of 3d per lb be suspended.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Monday.

The retail price of butter has been advanced at Wellington by a penny a pound to 1/5 a lb.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

POSITION OF MR. FLOWERS.

The Government has not yet arrived at any decision regarding the appointment of a new President of the Legislative Council. The matter will be decided within the next few weeks, concurrently with the appointment of a new Vice-President of the Executive Council, it being generally understood that Mr. Flowers will vacate the latter office in order to become President of the Upper House.

Mr. Flowers also holds a salaried post as chairman of the New South Wales Fire Commissioners, and it is not known at present whether it will, under the Constitution, be obligatory for him to resign this office of profit before he can become President of the Council. The salary attaching to the position of president of the Council was reduced some time ago from £1000 to £750.

The occasion of changes in the Legislative Council will, it is generally thought, be availed of by the Government to appoint another batch of members. The Premier stated yesterday that before anything could be done in this direction he had to interview his Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland on the matter.

Several of the State Ministers make no secret of their belief that the loss of Mr. Flowers from the Ministry will be almost irreparable. Another view among Ministers is that the legal strength of the party in the Legislative Council needs strengthening, and to enable this to be accomplished it may be necessary to levy upon the professional talent both inside and outside the Parliamentary ranks.

MAN OVERBOARD.

The Australian Steamship liner Canberra, which arrived from Queensland ports on Friday morning, in charge of Captain R. F. Doulton, was crossing Moreton Bay on Wednesday evening last, when a second-class passenger named H. F. Board disappeared overboard.

GENERAL BOTHA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have heard it suggested that Australia ought to express the admiration she surely feels for General Botha. General Botha has proved himself one of the strongest men in the Empire at the present time, and in a most difficult position, has shown his loyalty to the Empire at a time when many of his fellow-countrymen are traitors in heart and deed. It seems but right that all parts of the Empire should let him know that they appreciate his work, and recognise him as one of the strong men on whom they can rely. Like the soldier that he is, he will look for no reward, but Australia might well cable her admiration for the work that he is doing, and has done.

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AUSTRALIA.

April 12.

NO ROYAL ROAD.

HOW COMMISSIONS ARE OBTAINED.

THE RULE AND THE EXCEPTION

Many letters are regularly received by the "Herald" from young men anxious to obtain commissions in the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Forces, and asking how they can best achieve their object. From the tone of many of these letters it is evident that the writers imagine that there is a royal road to stars and crowns, but whatever might have been the modus operandi in the dim and distant past, the only road now is through merit.

Years ago it was the custom in the Imperial army to purchase a commission, but that gave way to appointment after examination, and though a man may be granted a commission for service on the field of battle, the usual course, both at home and in the Commonwealth, is at present only to raise men to commissioned rank who have acquitted themselves in a satisfactory manner, and passed an examination at a school of instruction for military officers.

Now and then, however, a man who shows exceptional ability is given a lieutenancy so that more responsible work can be entrusted to his care, if the authorities are assured that he is the best man to fill the position. Such was the case with the late Mr. Leslie Macalister Henderson, who was attached to the Provost-Marshal's office at Liverpool. This promising young soldier—he was only 24—had exhibited exceptional ability, and was granted the temporary rank of a lieutenant to enable him to more thoroughly carry out the work entrusted to him. Nor was the trust betrayed. Red tape was swept aside in this case, and the best man for the job given the work, with the rank which such work demanded.

To quote a similar instance from the old country. One of the most talked-of men in London to-day was unknown last July. This is Mr. Graeme Thomson, known as the "greatest transport officer since Noah." Mr. Thomson is now head of the Naval Transport Department, and is the man who moved a million men for Lord Kitchener without a single mishap. At the beginning of the war Mr. Thomson was only a superintending clerk. On the outbreak of hostilities he was promoted to the position of Assistant-Director, but ere three months had elapsed he was placed in entire control of this important and onerous work, and he is the first civilian to hold the position.

These are two exceptions, but exceptional ability will always force a man to the front. Men with exceptional ability are wanted in Great Britain, and they are wanted in Australia just as badly, to come forward and enrol and work their way upwards until they hold commission rank.

BOY KILLED.

CHILDREN PLAY WITH LIVE SHELL.

TWO GIRLS INJURED.

BRISBANE, Monday.

A distressing fatality occurred at Bulimba this evening. It appears that William M'Neil (13), Doris M'Neil (9), and Nettie Davidson (8) were staying with Mr. Arthur Crouch, of Bulimba. About 5.30 o'clock Crouch heard a terrific explosion, and he immediately ran to the yard to find that the boy had both his hands blown off at the wrist, and his neck was broken. There were also several punctured wounds on his body. The boy was dead when Crouch arrived.

Nettie Davidson was picked up suffering from lacerated and punctured wounds on the right leg and abdomen, crushed fingers on the left hand, and burns on the face. After medical attention she was removed to the Children's Hospital in a critical condition.

Doris M'Neil was suffering from a badly-bruised right thigh.

The police have collected portions of a shell. It has been stated that William M'Neil was playing about the bank of the river earlier in the day, and found the shell. He probably tried to open it or knocked it against some hard substance, with fatal results.

The police were subsequently informed that the children had found the shell on the previous Sunday at Hercules Bank, near Luggage Point, when visiting that place. Inspector Geraghty, in a minute to the Commissioner, says he thinks it is most likely that the shell was picked up on Hercules Bank, and, judging by the piece of shell which was recovered, it is obvious that it had been exposed for a considerable time.

CONTROL OF THE SEAS.

DEATH STROKE TO GERMANY.

FRENCH MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

"Germany's doom has been sounded; the Allies have answered her inhuman warfare with a death-stroke. Not another ship shall reach Germany if we can help it, and I think we can."

This is the opening sentence of an interview given to the Paris correspondent of the United Press by M. Victor Augagneur, the French Minister of Marine.

The Minister said the ability of the English and French Navies to meet the task before them was unquestioned.

"But Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz says that Germany will starve out England," the sorting, as it has never needed the support, the advice, the consolation of all men appointed for the high-spirited men who are restless under the restraints of apparent inaction when the clamour to be up and doing against the enemy is too widespread and so insistent. But this is not our only trouble. The other one is Cinderella. She, too, is the subject of correspondence, affectionate enough, but ruthless. It springs from the lecture of a learned French lady who has been telling us that Cinderella did not wear glass slippers at all, but that the author of the story, writing it down from hearsay, wrote shoes de verre, instead of shoes de vair this latter being a sort of squirrel-fur. Alas, all the correspondence supports the lady, and we have no option but to wreathe as best we can with her blow. Even in these quite fabulous enough days we do not easily allow the whittling down of such a fable, and Cinderella without her glass slipper seems inconceivable. But these learned folk seem to have known the dreadful truth quite a while. Perhaps it can still be kept out of the nursery.

"This is your Mediterranean fleet doing," he was asked.

"Waiting for the enemy to pick up enough courage to show itself," was the laughing reply. "Since the beginning of the war our ships have been promenading the Mediterranean, sometimes challenging the enemy at his very door. But each time he sees us coming he turns tail and flees.

"We do not expect to open the Dardanelles without an effort, but we will get through in good time. Just how long that will be I cannot say, because that depends upon many things. The hardest work will be from the middle of the Dardanelles to the Sea of Marmora. Once the fleet is through that it will be merely a question of time, and comparatively little will remain to be accomplished."

M. Augagneur summed up by saying: "The Allies are fully satisfied with the trend of events in every theatre of the war."

THE AGENT-GENERAL.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT LIKELY.

It is understood that when Sir Timothy Coghlan concludes the financial negotiations that the Government has asked him to conduct to their finality, a temporary appointment to the position of State Agent-General will be made.

It is said that the temporary arrangement may last for a year or two, and that a gentleman well known in the public life of the State will act till a permanent appointment is made.

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NORTH SEA.

REPORTED NAVAL ACTION.

HEAVY GUNFIRE.

THE WAR ON LAND.

Reports of a naval engagement in the North Sea come from Norway and Denmark.

It is rumoured that German cruisers trying to break through to the Atlantic encountered British warships.

The captain of a steamer passed fourteen German ships prior to the supposed action.

One report says three warships were chasing a number of Germans, which are believed to have foundered.

The Russians advancing in the principal chain of the Carpathians repulsed Austro-German attacks with enormous losses.

On the western front the Allies captured trenches in the Argonne and Woevre districts.

The Germans have captured Hartmann's Weilerkopf, in Alsace, which had for some time been held by the French.

The "Matin" states that on the western front the French hold 543 miles, the British 31, and the Belgians 17.

WESTERN FRONT.

ALL-NIGHT STRUGGLE.

ALLIES WIN TRENCHES.

PARIS, April 12.

A communique states: After an all-night struggle we captured 300 metres of trenches in the Argonne.

We have also captured a new line of trenches at Bois d'Ailly (Woevre region).

Aviators dropped bombs on the railway station and foundry at Bruges.

IN ALSACE.

A GERMAN SUCCESS.

BASLE, April 12.

There is eighteen inches of snow in the Vosges, while bad weather is interfering with operations in the Woevre and Meuse districts.

The Germans, after for several days furiously attacking the French positions, captured Hartmann's Weilerkopf (Alsace). Two French guns had previously destroyed all cover in this district, and the Germans were forced to attack alone in the open. They suffered many casualties.

GERMAN AEROPLANES.

DESTROYED BY STORM.

BASLE, April 12.

Two new Taube aeroplanes undergoing trials were caught in a storm and destroyed. The two airmen were killed.

CARPATHIANS.

ENEMY'S NIGHT-ATTACK.

SEVERELY REPULSED.

PETROGRAD, April 12.

A communique states: The enemy on the 9th and following night attacked in several columns, strongly supported by artillery, the Russians who were advancing along the southern slopes of the principal mountain chain. The attacks were repulsed with enormous losses. We captured a battalion, 23 officers, and machine guns.

The Russians carried several heights in the Uzok region, and took 1000 prisoners.

AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE ENDED.

General Sukomlinoff, Russian Minister for War, has telegraphed to the "New York World" that the Russians a fortnight ago ended the Austrian offensive, which lasted eight weeks.

German troops which relieved the Austrians suffered enormous losses, and had to renew their first line four times. They now refuse to participate in the Austrian offensive, as it imposes a useless sacrifice of men.

FOR PEACE.

THE POPE'S EFFORTS.

LONDON, April 12.

Newspapers in Britain and America are giving prominence to an interview with the Pope published in the "New York World," in which he asks America to work unceasingly for peace, avoiding everything that will prolong the struggle.

The entire world, says the Pope, is looking to America to take the initiative towards peace when the favourable moment occurs, and the Holy See will support their efforts.

Vienna newspapers approve of the Pope's desire for peace, though they admit that the time is not ripe.

LENGTH OF FRONTS.

EAST AND WEST.

BRITAIN'S PROPORTION.

PARIS, April 12.

The "Matin" states that the French occupy a front of 543 miles, the British 31, and the Belgians 17.

The Russian fronts extend over 850 miles, while the Servians and Montenegrins hold a front of 218 miles.

TURKEY.

THE ALLIED FLEET.

TOWNS DESTROYED.

LONDON, April 12.

Letters from the Dardanelles show that the towns of Seddul Bahr, Kum Kale, and Yeni Shehr (at the entrance to the straits) were destroyed. Not a single intact house remained, but forty or fifty thousand Turks, utterly reckless of their lives, dodged around the ruins, picking off landing parties one by one.

The Turkish losses were tremendous. A single British 6-inch lyddite shell fell in the midst of 50 Turks and wiped them out. Not enough was left to call a dead body.

MUNITIONS NEEDED.

DEMAND TO GERMANY.

SOFIA, April 12.

Field-Marshal Von der Goltz is returning to Constantinople. The Young Turks sent him to Berlin to demand that 300,000 Germans should be sent across the Danube for the purpose of rushing Servia and intimidating Bulgaria, in order to open a road for the despatch of munitions to Constantinople.

In case of refusal the Young Turks threatened to conclude a separate peace.

THE EX-SULTAN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 12.

Fearing an insurrection of the Old Turks, Enver Bey has brought the ex-Sultan, Abdul Hamid, back to Constantinople.

SUEZ CANAL.

ENEMY STILL ACTIVE.

CAIRO, April 12.

Small bodies of Turkish cavalry continue to be lively in the vicinity of the Suez Canal.

Extensive camel transport has largely overcome the water difficulty.

The strength of the British defences along the canal has not been diminished.

BALKAN NEUTRALS.

GREECE.

KING AND CONSTITUTION.

ATHENS, April 12.

The Government press states that the ex-Premier, M. Venizelos, was over-hasty in advising Greece's intervention, and is trying to persuade people that his failure was due to the Germanism of the King and the General Staff.

Venizelist newspapers deny that M. Venizelos is anti-monarchical, and hint that the King is over-stepping the Constitution.

BULGARIA.

TURKS AND GREEKS UNEASY.

SOFIA, April 12.

Fearing a Bulgarian attack prominent Turks and Greek merchants at Kirk Kilisse are leaving home and going to Asia Minor and Greece.

There is a similar movement elsewhere in Thrace.

KRONPRINZ WILHELM.

MAY BE INTERNED.

NEW YORK, April 12.

The armed Norddeutscher Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm (14,908 tons) has arrived at Hampton Roads, and will probably intern.

ESCAPED GERMANS.

CHASE AND RECAPTURE.

LONDON, April 12.

Two German officers who escaped from the camp at Denbigh on the Isle of Anglesea were recaptured near Harlech, after a chase in the mountains.

A WANTON ACT.

SUNKEN RELIEF SHIP.

LONDON, April 12.

The sunken steamer Harpalyce was a sister ship to the Harpalion. She flew a white flag inscribed, "Commission for Belgian Relief," which was visible at a distance of eight miles. This inscription was also painted in large letters on the sides of the ship.

Several persons on a vessel near by saw the submarine and the torpedo. The nearness of the rescuers alone enabled any of those on board to be saved, as the sea was choppy and a high wind prevailed.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

VISIT TO THE FRONT.

LONDON, April 12.

The Bishop of London (Dr. Winnington-Ingram) paid a fortnight's visit to the British army in the field. He was frequently under fire.

He held confirmation services, and on one occasion men came to the service from the trenches. The Bishop consecrated the burial places of the British dead. He celebrated communion on Easter morning in a barn the roof and walls of which were scarred by gunfire.

MUNITIONS COMMITTEE.

WELCOMED BY WORKERS.

LONDON, April 11.

Twenty-one engineering and shipbuilding societies, at a meeting held in Newcastle, resolved to send a message to the Prime Minister welcoming the establishment of the munitions committee, on which the men, employers, and the Government are represented.

The message adds: "We don't want any more speeches about delays in work. Workers, employers, and the Government want to pull together, and get on with it."

OFF NORWAY.

SUPPOSED NAVAL BATTLE.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD.

STORY UNCONFIRMED.

LONDON, April 11.

Rumours of a North Sea battle continue to arrive from Copenhagen, but are delayed in transmission.

A Bergen telegram states that a big battle lasting until late at night occurred off Samosoe Island, four miles west of Bergen.

Searchlights were active, and gunfire caused windows in Bergen to rattle.

Danish newspapers report that a naval fight occured off Sartoro Island on Wednesday night.

One rumour states that firing was heard in the direction of the Island of Utsire.

ENEMY SAID TO BE SUNK.

CHRISTIANIA, April 11.

The inhabitants on South Bergen Island declare that three warships pursued German ships along the coast.

The violent cannonade that ensued suddenly ceased.

It is believed the German ships foundered. A storm was raging at the time.

GERMAN CRUISERS SIGHTED.

COPENHAGEN, April 11.

The captain of the steamer Vestfoss states that he passed 14 German cruisers in the North Sea.

Reports from Bergen state that the firing on Wednesday was very heavy, and lasted a considerable time.

It is rumoured that the firing was due to German cruisers trying to get into the Atlantic, via the Norwegian coast, to replace the Emden and other German commerce raiders.

BRITISH BEER.

A STATE MONOPOLY.

COLOSSAL SCHEME.

LONDON, April 12.

The "Daily Express" says the Government has decided to purchase all breweries and licensed houses in the United Kingdom and to establish a State monopoly of beer. Only light varieties of beer will be brewed and sold.

A committee is working out the details of the scheme. The purchase price is estimated at over £200,000,000, payable in 4 per cent. license bonds.

WAR NOTES.

THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT.

Up till a late hour last night absolutely no official news had come through in regard to the naval action off the coast of Norway, and we were left quite in the dark as to the exact nature of the affair. It will, perhaps, be remembered that a few days ago a cable stated that several German submarines had been sighted by Norwegian aeroplanes in the Gulf of Bergen, and were ordered to leave territorial waters; and this was followed up yesterday with the statement that the Christiania newspapers had expressed the opinion that a British squadron had attacked the submarines. The action now reported is supposed to have taken place near Bergen, so that it may prove that the gunfire heard by the people ashore was connected with an attack by our ships on the enemy's under-water craft. One report states that the inhabitants of South Bergen Island saw three British ships pursuing German cruisers. If it was an affair between cruisers and submarines, then these people mistook part of our squadron for German ships. But as against all this we have the statement of the captain of the steamer Vestfoss that he passed no less than 14 German cruisers in the North Sea. And whereas a landsman could conceivably make a mistake as to the identity of warships well out from shore, we cannot doubt this sailor's report. But we are not told where the captain of the Vestfoss saw the cruisers, or whether they were heading in the direction of Bergen. Still, it seems tolerably safe to assume that it was this squadron that was the target of the British guns, especially when we note the report that the cannonading lasted "a considerable time."

A DASH FOR THE OPEN?

One theory advanced is that a number of German cruisers were making an attempt to break through the British cordon at the northern entrance to the North Sea and gain the Atlantic, so that they might start a fresh campaign against British commerce on the high seas. It is quite conceivable that such an attempt should be made, and, indeed, several naval writers predicted that it would take place earlier than this. The fact that all the regular German men-of-war on the high seas have been sunk, and that the very last of the commerce raiders (the Kronprinz Wilhelm) has now put into a neutral port, from which she has probably no intention of emerging, may have influenced the German Admiralty to make an effort to get the flag on to the wide oceans once more. If this was really the intention, then it lends further colour to the suggestion that the Germans are not going to risk their battle fleet in the North Sea, but are going to use it, for what it is worth, in the peace negotiations. This, for the reason that the German fleet is already very weak in cruisers, and if they contemplate any major naval operations in the North Sea, they will require all that they have. If it has actually been decided that the main fleet is not to come out at all, then, from the German point of view, it might be well worth the risk to attempt to get a few cruisers out on to the trade routes once more. Once in the Atlantic, they would be certain to do a good deal of damage before they could be rounded up, and Berlin might count their ultimate loss at such a price as something to be preferred to keeping them locked up in harbour throughout the campaign.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

The estimate prepared by the Paris "Matin" of the length of line held by the various Allies will come as something of a shock to those unthinking but enthusiastic Britons who are inclined to the idea that the British troops are saving France from destruction. It is perhaps natural that we should have heard more of the work of our own troops than those of the French, but the fact that the exploits of the British have bulked so largely in the cablegrams has tended to distort somewhat the sense of perspective of some of our people. The figures given by the "Matin" as showing the front occupied by the different armies are as follow:—

French	543 miles.
British	31 "
Belgian	17 "
Russian	856 "
Servian and Montenegri...	218 "

But one or two points need to be emphasised in regard to this matter. The first is that 31 miles represents only a fractional part of the British role in the land operations in this war. We have other fronts outside Europe altogether which we are maintaining. The operations of British troops are spread over an area far beyond that contemplated by the "Matin." Again, in regard to France alone, the portion of the line held by the British is a vitally important one—one that from a strategic point of view invites particular attention from the Germans, who fully realise that to pierce the Allies' line here would upset the whole of General Joffre's western campaign. There are several highly important sections of the line held by the French—just as there are many which play quite a minor part—but none of them are, at any rate, more vital to the whole position than that under the command of General French. Further, it must be remembered that although up till the present the British troops have been very weak numerically compared with the French their numbers from now onward will swell enormously, and the part that will be allotted to them will be altogether beyond that suggested by the bare 31 miles set out in the above list. Of course the greatest factor of all in the war is purely British—the factor of naval supremacy. The influence of that factor is being felt to-day, and will be felt more and more as time goes on through every mile of all the battle fronts, French, Russian, and all. Our Allies, the French particularly, would be the first to admit this. In the meantime we need to give the French themselves the fullest credit for the enormous task they are so successfully shouldering on land.

THE BALKAN SPHINX.

Several interesting cables bearing on the attitude of Bulgaria appear this morning; but they would be far more interesting if they gave us some definite information as to which side of the fence that State has decided to land upon. One Sofia message tells that prominent Turks are fleeing from Thrace, in anticipation of a Bulgarian attack; while Athens advices speak of Bulgarian comitadjis, under both Bulgarian and Turkish officers, concentrating on the border prior to an attack upon Servia. Then, again, a second Sofia cable says that General von der Goltz was sent by the Young Turks to Berlin to demand that 500,000 Germans should rush Servia and "intimidate Bulgaria" in order to open a road by which munitions could reach Constantinople. These messages set us no further forward in our effort to realise the attitude of Bulgaria. Neither does that from the Sofia correspondent of the "Petit Parisien," which quotes the Bulgarian Foreign Minister as saying that, whereas Bulgaria has hitherto been strictly neutral, a new situation has now arisen owing to the Allies' action in the East, and his country sees the possibility of realising her national aspirations. Bulgaria's "national aspirations" involve a slice of Turkey, a slice of Servia, and, conceivably, a slice of Greece; so, in the absence of anything further, this statement is only interesting in so far as it indicates that she will shortly come out into the open. For the moment, however, she still remains the inscrutable sphinx of the Balkans, and there is nothing for us but to hold our souls in patience until she cares to speak in unequivocal terms.

RELATIVE GUN STRENGTH.

A correspondent of the London "Globe," having regard to the accessions of naval strength which have been made since the outbreak of the war and will be made in the immediate future, has gone to some trouble to calculate the relative strengths of the British and German fleets in gun power. He has reached the conclusion that if the two large German armoured vessels of the 1913 programme are completed by the end of the year the main armaments of the British and German battle fleets will be as follows:—

	British.	German.
15-inch	80	16
14-inch	10	—
13.5-inch	130	—
12-inch	258	138
11-inch	—	88
9.4-inch	—	40

But, as the "Naval and Military Record" points out, even this comparison can hardly be regarded as affording an entirely accurate contrast of the relative gun-power of the two fleets. In the first place it is based upon the assumption that all the large British armoured ships of recent construction are in or near the North Sea; in the second place, credit is not given to the British Fleet for the large number of 9.2-inch guns which it mounts. There are over a hundred of these weapons carried in battleships and armoured cruisers. Moreover, some of the armoured cruisers under the British flag are very much superior in fighting power to the German battleships which carry the 9.4 inch gun. With every week that passes the relative strength of the Germans is declining. As the First Lord of the Admiralty observed the other day, the great merit of Admiral Sir David Beatty's last action is that "it shows us and the world that there is at present no reason to assume that ship for ship, gun for gun, and man for man we cannot give a very good account of ourselves." Moreover, the actions which have already taken place appear to vindicate the virtue of Admiralty policy in ensuring to the British Fleet bigger guns than those mounted in German ships.

AMERICAN MAILS.

PROPOSED SUBSIDY REFUSED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

It was recently suggested by Mr. Niels Nielsen, the New South Wales Commissioner in the United States, that a subsidy should be paid by Australia for the San Francisco mail service.

The report has received the consideration of the Postmaster-General's Department, which has stated that, as far as the European mails were concerned, the Suez route was the better, and they did not recommend the subsidising of the Pacific boat.

As regards the American mail service, it was considered that there was not sufficient mail matter carried by the American boats to warrant the payment of a subsidy. The department would, therefore, continue the present system of paying for the carriage of its American mails at the poundage rate.

OVERLAND RAILWAY

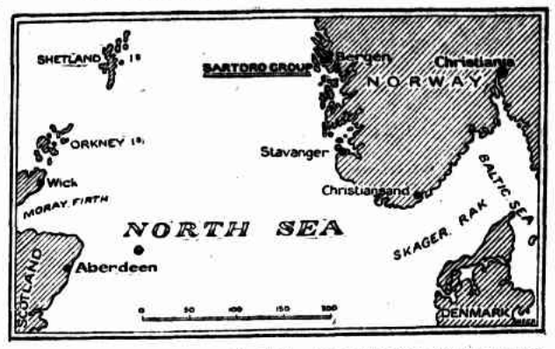
TWENTY LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

On the recommendation of the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Archibald, the Federal Cabinet to-day decided to place an order with Messrs. Walkers, Ltd., of Maryborough (Q.), for 20 locomotives. They are to be delivered for use of the trans-Australian railway. Ten are to be delivered at Port Augusta. The price for each is £7695, and for the other 10 locomotives, which are to be delivered at Kalgoorlie, the price for each is £7265.

Mr. Archibald stated that the locomotives are what are known as the T.F. class, and are about equal in weight to the heaviest locomotives in use in New South Wales. The lowest tender was submitted by Martin and Company, Gawler (S.A.), but the terms of delivery were not deemed satisfactory. Mr. Archibald has, nevertheless, decided to offer this firm an order for five locomotives.

NORTH SEA NAVAL ACTION.



The above map shows Bergen and the Sartoro group of islands in Norway, off which a naval action is reported to have taken place last week.

THE UNIONISTS.

LARGE PERCENTAGE ENLIST.

MR. KNIBBS'S REPORT.

It is estimated that 23,500 members of trades unions had joined the Australian Imperial expeditionary force up to January 31.

The Commonwealth Statistician in February last caused inquiries to be made from the secretaries of all trade unions in the Commonwealth as to the number of members who had enlisted. Returns were received for 524 unions, comprising a total membership of 435,557. Complete particulars as to the total number of unions and their membership are not yet available for the year 1914, but an estimate, based on the figures for 1913, shows that the number of unions (excluding those having female members only) at the end of 1914 is about 730, and the number of male members about 565,000. It appears, therefore, that the returns received in this inquiry cover over 85 per cent. of the total number of unions, and over 86 per cent. of the members.

The total number of unionists included in the returns as having joined the expeditionary force is 20,111, or 4.62 per cent. of the total membership of those unions for which returns are available. Assuming that this percentage applies to the male members of all unions in the Commonwealth, the total number of unionists in the expeditionary force would be about 23,300. Assuming further that the age distribution among unionists is the same as that for males in the Commonwealth, over 18 years of age, the number of unionists over 18 and under 45 years of age would be 244,000. The percentage of the total estimated number of unionists who have joined the expeditionary force (23,300) on the total number of members within the eligible age group (244,000) is therefore 6.77.

The total number of males in Australia over 18 and under 45 years of age is approximately 1,110,000, and deducting the 241,000 unionists between these ages, it is seen that the total number of males not belonging to a union and within the eligible age limitations is about 766,000. The total number of persons who had joined the expeditionary force up to the end of January was about 52,900, including, therefore, about 23,300 unionists and 30,000 persons not members of any union.

This shows, Mr. Knibbs says, that as regards persons not members of unions, 3.91 per cent. of those within the eligible age limitations had joined the expeditionary force up to the end of January last, compared with 6.77 per cent. of eligible unionists.

SINKING A SUBMARINE.

COLLIER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The narrative of Captain John William Bell of how he rammed a German submarine off Beachy Head, on March 2, brief and to the point, is one of the most astonishing stories of British pluck that have been related since the present war at sea opened, says the London "Daily Telegraph." It is astonishing, for who would have believed that a slow old collier could fight and sink a submarine? Or, indeed, that these formidable under-water craft should have been set at defiance by vessels wholly unarmed and undefended? Captain Probert's recent exploit on the Laertes will be recalled to mind. Even more dashing is that of Captain Bell, whose narrative has engaged the attention of the Admiralty authorities at Devonport.

But Captain Bell's way of relating the occurrence which promises to make him famous is far from dashing. He speaks of his action in the most quiet and commonplace way imaginable. He is devoid of gesture. In fact, he might be listening to, rather than telling, his own story, and he might be apologising for what he did when he says that he thought he had better try to ram the pirate because she might have tried another shot at him. And then he goes on to intimate that it was not any cleverness of his that sank the submarine, but the submarine's own carelessness and contemptuousness.

TORPEDO FIRED.

"I encountered the submarine on Sunday morning, about eight or nine miles from Beachy Head, off Newhaven," Captain Bell said. "It was a clear, sunshiny morning, but a strong westerly wind was blowing. There was a heavy head sea, which lifted the boat a good deal. We were making about three knots an hour on a flood tide, when, about 9.30, the second mate reported to me that he thought he saw the periscope of a submarine on the starboard.

"I went on to the bridge, and plainly saw the periscope with my own eyes. There was no need for glasses. It was about two ships' lengths away. Of course, I did not know but that it might be one of our submarines, but in case it was not I summoned all hands on deck, and told some of them to stand by the boats. I have a crew of 12 hands.

"The submarine then crossed our bows, and took up a position about 30 or 40 yards on the port beam. A few minutes after that I saw the wake of a torpedo on the starboard. All the crew saw it as well. It was like a long, feathery arrow. It was clear that the submarine had fired at and missed us through the lifting of the boat, and I said to myself, 'As she's sure to have another shot, I'd better dry and ram her; it's about the only chance.'

"So I called out to the man at the wheel, 'Hard a' starboard!'

"A minute later—or it may have been two or three minutes, for you don't think much about time when you see a thing trying to sink you—we closed on the submarine. The bow of my ship and the periscope—which was all we could see—came nearer and nearer together, and I could have touched the periscope with my hand as we went over it if I had been on the deck.

"There were two distinct noises. One was like a slight crash, and then a scraping noise followed. We didn't see the periscope at all again, and some time after there was a quantity of oil on the water in the neighbourhood we had left behind.

SUBMARINE SUNK.

"The crew were just lowering the port boat when we heard the crash. I had my eyes fixed on the periscope, and it seemed to me to be of a reddish, greeny colour, like tarnished copper. As I say, I could have touched the thing as we passed over it.

"I think we must have sunk the submarine, but I don't believe we got any damage. The engineer carried out an examination, and reported that we were not leaking at all, and there is no damage to the bows as far as can be seen. But a diver could easily ascertain if there's any damage below water-line when we get in.

"I can only attribute our escape to the fact that, owing to the heavy seas, we lifted at the moment she torpedo was discharged, so that it passed under us, and also that the submarine treated us with contempt, as it were, and never thought we would be likely to turn and run her down. This ship pitches pretty heavily in a rough sea, and that might easily account for the torpedo missing us, when it might strike a big vessel.

"But why the submarine did not dive or get out of the way when I headed her, of course I can't say. Maybe she started to do so too late. Our draught is about 12ft 6in. I don't know how long it takes a submarine to operate her hydraulics, but maybe it takes more than a minute or two to get below a depth of 12ft or so. Of course, although we don't move quickly, we are a tidy weight for giving a blow with 700 tons of coal on board, and I don't suppose these submarine are much more than steel eggshells.

"There was no signal at all from the submarine during the encounter, and we saw no flag; nothing but the periscope and the wake of a travelling torpedo. It was all over in a few minutes."

In response to what would seem a cross-examinatory query as to whether he was "sure" it was a periscope which he saw, he raised his brows, smiled forbearingly, and retorted, "You can ask the members of the crew also. They saw it as well as me. It was broad daylight—broad daylight."

LATE WAR NEWS.

NORTH SEA ACTION.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER'S REPORT

COPENHAGEN, April 12.

Further arrivals of Scandinavian vessels confirm the presence of German warships in the North Sea.

A Norwegian steamer reports that a British cruiser warned her to keep as close to the coastline as possible.

HEAVY CANNONADING.

LONDON, April 12.

Heavy cannonading at sea was heard at Bridlington (15½ miles south-east of Scarborough), on Saturday night.

LINER TORPEDOED.

VESSEL NOT SUNK.

LONDON, April 12, 3.15 p.m.

The British liner Wayfarer (9599 tons) has been torpedoed.

She is now being towed to Queenstown.

ITALY.

PRO-WAR DEMONSTRATIONS.

ROME, April 12.

Fifty persons were arrested at a pro-war demonstration. The police prevented the crowd marching to the Austrian and German Embassies. Similar demonstrations were made throughout Italy on Sunday.

COTTON DESTROYED.

NAPLES, April 12.

Six thousand bales of cotton, valued at £80,000, were destroyed by fire.

SMUGGLING AMMUNITION

ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT INTERVENES.

PARIS, April 12.

A Bucharest telegram states that German and Austrian diplomatic couriers were found smuggling spare gun parts and ammunition into Turkey, availing themselves of the regulations exempting baggage from Customs examination.

The Government is taking severe measures to stop the practice.

MERCHANT SHIPPING.

LONDON, April 12.

Arrivals: At London, str Orari; at Vancouver, R.M.S. Niagara (left Sydney March 18); at Tai Tai, str Hurst; at Coquimbo, bq Colonial Empire; at Bahia Blanca, bq Selleren.

Departure: For Sydney, str Memnon.

ZEPPELIN DISASTERS.

TWO SHIPS COME TO GRIEF.

INFLUENCE OF WEATHER.

Two Zeppelins came to grief in a snowstorm off the Danish coast. The L3 was wrecked and burned on the Danish island of Fanoe, and the L4 was lost on the west coast of Denmark. L3 was of 27 tons displacement, and was built only last year, while L4 was one of the most recently constructed. L1 was wrecked at sea near Heligoland, and L2 caught fire and was destroyed at Johannisthal. Both the L3 and L4 were within a few miles of the German frontier, but were unable to reach safety.

It is reported from Copenhagen that there was no loss of life in the accident to L3. The airship had left Hamburg at 4 a.m., and had been cruising during the day off the north-west coast of Denmark. Her motors failed one after the other, and at about 6 o'clock in the evening the airship landed with a crash on the beach of Fanoe Island, snapping in two as she struck. Her crew of two officers and 14 petty officers and men jumped out uninjured.

Immediately after the airship landed she burst into flames. The captain declares that he set the Zeppelin on fire purposely "to prevent her from being blown further ashore and imperilling lives and the adjacent buildings." In any case, the ship was already utterly destroyed. The crew had time to land in order admirably, and each man was interned for the night at a local hotel. Much activity on the part of airships has been reported during the past few days on the west coast and at the bottom of the Great Belt. In some cases the airships have been seen exchanging signals with warships.

The facts about the L4 show that she was returning south when she ran into bad weather, first meeting with fog and then heavy storms of sleet and snow. Two of her motors failed, and the gradual airship becoming unmanageable the crew decided to abandon her. When near land, and over the surf at Boersmose, near Blaahand, on the west coast of Jutland, the men jumped from the airship. Two officers and nine petty officers and men landed safely, but one man, who delayed taking the plunge, fell from a considerable height and broke both legs.

There is no news so far of the other four men, who were either rescued or carried away in the airship, which as soon as it was relieved of the weight of the crew, ascended and disappeared seawards. Those of the crew who landed safely made their way to the coastguard station, carrying their wounded comrades with them.

The men at first told an absurd story, saying they were the crew of a trawler which had been blown up by a mine. Captain Count von Platen, commanding the aircraft, then claimed to be allowed to return to Germany on the ground that he was merely shipwrecked. He refused to give his word of honour not to attempt to escape. The crews of both the wrecked airships will be interned on the island of Oxholm.

A large airship, evidently a derelict, was sighted off the Oscoe lighthouse, and it was thought in Christiania that it was the airship L1. This vessel took part in the raid on the Norfolk coast on January 19.

Discussing the circumstances which led to the destruction of the two airships the Copenhagen Meteorological Institute says that if the British authorities had not prudently stopped the British weather reports the airships would have received warning of the sudden barometric change which occurred over the North Sea that afternoon, and would have abandoned their reconnoitring expeditions.

The crew declare that the airship was not damaged, but that the snow weighed it down so much that it was unnavigable, and to remain in it would have meant certain death.

EIGHT BALLS TO AN OVER.

VICTORIA'S CONDEMNATION.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

At a meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association to-night letters were read from the New South Wales and South Australian cricket associations asking the opinion of the Victorian Association regarding the proposal to make eight balls constitute an over.

It was agreed to inform the two associations that the Victorian Association did not favour any alteration to the present rules, which provide for six balls to the over.

Mr. Bean, a member of the executive, suggested that the associations should also be informed that cricket in Victoria was in a flourishing condition, and there was no need for any alterations that might tend to add to the attractiveness of the game.

STATION MANAGER'S DEATH.

DARWIN, Saturday.

Mr. Harold Seale, manager of Wave Hill station, died on Saturday at the age of 35 years. Deceased had been about 10 years in the Territory. His father resides at Grafton.

THE CALL FOR MEN.

DISTRICT COMMANDANT'S APPEAL.

THE GOLFERS' EXAMPLE.

The State Commandant, Colonel Wallack, motored to Pymble on Saturday afternoon, and reviewed there the Kuring-gai Rifle Club, under Captain Lamb. There were about 100 members of the club present, formed up on the Pymble parade ground, near the post-office, Warrawee, Pymble, Gordon, and St. Ives squads being well represented. After inspecting the ranks, Colonel Wallack put the men through the whole of the elementary squad drill. For over an hour he had them marching in drill. For over an hour he had them marching in double file and column of route, and carrying out different evolutions, and the riflemen were treated to an informal address by the commandant.

The attendance of members of the club at parades, said Colonel Wallack, averaged 80 per cent. of the total number enrolled. But that was not good enough. There must be a full muster at every parade if full efficiency was to be obtained. The company had carried out the various movements very creditably that afternoon, and with enthusiasm and a little common sense the men would develop into good soldiers, able to render valuable service to their country in time of need. While the rifle club movement was concerned solely with home defence, and the signing of the attestation paper did not bind riflemen to leave the Commonwealth, he wanted to impress upon every man the fact that it was to the rifle clubs that the country was looking principally for recruits for the expeditionary forces. It was the duty of every able-bodied man in a position to do so to volunteer for active service abroad. Not only were new contingents being despatched to the front from time to time, but monthly reinforcements had to be sent for the troops already in Egypt and elsewhere. Therefore the call was ever for more men.

"And so far," added the Commandant, "the best recruiting agents have been the rifle clubs." The Royal Sydney Golf Club, for instance, although it totalled only some 130 members, had already sent 60 men to the front, and so with many other clubs. The rifle club movement in New South Wales was growing rapidly. The membership now totalled 22,000 men, spread over 360 clubs, and there were about 9000 more attestation forms coming in, whilst in June of last year there were 303 clubs, with a total membership of 14,500. Many people, he added, did not seem to realise the enormous task in front of the Allies. He did not doubt that the allied forces would triumph in the end, but it would be no easy task, and it would only be accomplished by an ever-increasing stream of recruits. He had just received a letter from his brother in London, and the latter stated that wounded officers returned from the front expressed surprise at the ignorance displayed in England concerning affairs in Europe, and the vital necessity for recruits to fill up the depleted ranks. There was no denying that the mortality was very heavy, whole brigades with their officers being swept away in some instances, while with many other brigades there was only a battered minority left.

LEICHHARDT RIFLE CLUB.

The parade of the Leichhardt Club on Thursday night was well attended, and over a dozen new members were enrolled. On Saturday afternoon No. 1 platoon, A company, were put through miniature rifle shooting at the Tramway Department's miniature range. To-night the club will hold a route march through Leichhardt, headed by the district band. The club has under consideration the construction of its own miniature range, and proposes to institute a roll of honour for members of the club who go on active service. The ladies' committee has been busy, during the week-end, and a splendid roll-up of new members is expected next week as a result of their work.

ATHLETIC SPORTS CLUB.

The drill parades of the Athletic Sports Club will be continued to-night, and a rearrangement of companies will be made. The camp platoons will not be disturbed, but A and C companies will be added to them, allowing members who did not attend the camp to rejoin, as far as possible, their friends, so that four companies will be the formation again.

THE BURWOOD CLUB.

The Burwood Rifle Club held its first short route march on Saturday afternoon, under the command of Captain Mackellar, who expressed himself well pleased. Platoon drill was afterwards proceeded with. Two members have joined the new Expeditionary Force and have gone into camp at Liverpool.

PETERSHAM CLUB.

The weekly parade of the Petersham Club will be held to-night at the local park, at 7.30. Unfortunately wet weather has prevented drill for the past two weeks. Members are requested to attend wet or fine, bringing with them attestation forms. The monthly Saturday afternoon parade will be held on Saturday next, April 17; members are requested to meet at Petersham Park at 2.30 p.m. Members of the committee are in attendance at the pavilion, Petersham Park, from 7 o'clock every Tuesday night for the enrolment of new members.

GLEBE CLUB.

The Glebe Rifle Club will hold the weekly drill to-night on the Wentworth Park Oval.

RED CROSS WORK.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION.

The New South Wales division of the Red Cross Society has received the following letter of appreciation from the Director of Stores, British Red Cross Society, London, dated, February 24:—

"We have just received the magnificent gift of clothing and other necessaries for the sick and wounded that has been sent to us by the Australian Red Cross Society. Everything that you have sent will be of the greatest possible use, and I can assure you that we find it difficult to tell you how deeply we appreciate the generosity of our kindred in Australia in thus coming forward with such valuable help in our time of need. Everything sent will be distributed to the wounded men with the least possible delay. (Signed), W. E. GARSTIN, Stores Department, 83 Pall Mall, London.

A FIGHTING FAMILY.

SIX BROTHERS ENLIST.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

Mr. Ernest Wheeler, of Cowell, Eyre's Peninsula, and now residing at Fremantle, has six sons serving with the Imperial Forces. Two went with the first Expeditionary Force, two with the second, and two more are in camp at Perth preparing to go with the next contingent.

The father of this patriotic family was one of the first to take up land in Boothby 25 years ago.

WAR TAX.

NEW ZEALAND SUGGESTION.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Monday.

Rangitikei County Council has passed a resolution asking the Government to levy a war tax to meet all extraordinary expenses in connection with the war. The tax would be levied on land and large incomes.

AERONAUTS FOR INDIA.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The half flight of the Australian Flying Corps, which is to be loaned to the Indian Government for use with an expeditionary force, was announced to-day by the Minister for Defence, Senator Pearce.

It will consist of Captain H. H. Petre, Captain T. W. White, Lieutenant Treloar, and Lieutenant H. B. Merz. A foreman artificer, warrant officer, staff sergeant, quarter-master sergeant, farrier sergeant, sergeant, three corporals, 12 air mechanics, 18 drivers, four mules, four batmen, and two cooks.

"The Australians will take with them motor waggons and transport, but the flying machines will be supplied in India.

FOR THE FRONT.

BIG ENROLLING DAY.

MEN OF ALL TRADES.

RUSSIAN OFFICER REJECTED.

The surmise of those in authority at Victoria Barracks that at the conclusion of the Royal Agricultural Show and the Easter holidays there would be a large increase in the number of recruits was proved yesterday, when close on 200 men passed through the enrolling office. The fine standard of Saturday and Sunday was maintained, and the calloling officer expressed himself as very satisfied.

Among those in the big roll-up yesterday were three jockeys, who naturally requested to be allocated to the Light Horse, and a photographer. There were two engineering students from Sydney University, who came along and joined as privates in the hope of later on obtaining commissions in the Australian Engineers. A mining engineer and a specialist in engineering, not to mention half a dozen men who merely stated they were engineers, also offered their services. A contractor in a good way of business, three farmers, two storemen, three printers, and four painters were also passed by the enrolling officer.

Our allies were represented by a Russian a fine young fellow, who had, so he said, resided for some years in Australia. He volunteered the information that his father had been a Frenchman and his mother a Russian, but that he had been born in the land of the Czar. He further stated that he had been in the Russian Infantry for four years, two years of that time as drill instructor, and the rest of the time as a lieutenant. He modestly added that he had a bit of a reputation as a sharpshooter. The enrolling officer thought that he had found a treasure, and sent him along with no misgivings to undergo the medical examination. Height, chest measurement, etc. were all right, but when the eyesight test was applied the drill instructor-sharpshooter-lieutenant was rejected as his sight was stated to be defective.

The rejected Russian was followed in the enrolling office by a slaughterman from the Glebe Island Abattoirs, a wool-classer, two electricians, a tanner, several brickmakers, the second engineer from a well-known liner, a surveyor, and another french-polisher. "Quite a number of French polishers have been enlisting," remarked the enrolling officer, "in fact, they are now regularly to be found each day in the list of applicants. I don't know the reason, but come along they do."

A couple of men from the Postmaster-General's Department also applied to be sent on active service. They came armed with the necessary written permit from the department, and so had no difficulty in passing the enrolling officer. After they had been despatched to the doctor came two butchers, four men from various departments of the railway, and two tramway employees.

These in turn were followed by a couple of men who, first of all, appeared to be genuine recruits. Under a little cross-questioning, however, they admitted that they had been discharged from a military camp in another State on account of sickness. When asked to produce their discharges to this effect they protested that they had not brought their papers with them, not knowing they were necessary. As every soldier knows, and every recruit quickly learns, his discharge is essential to the soldier in applying for a fresh billet, and, as a consequence, these two men who were unable or unwilling to show their discharges, were passed out without further parley.

GIFT OF MOTOR AMBULANCE.

Mrs. H. R. Denison, of Craignish, Macquarie-street, has presented a motor ambulance to the Army Medical Corps. This will be allotted to the 5th Field Ambulance, to leave for the front with the next contingent.

HATS AS HELIOS.

The flat-topped

points, along the line of march, each band playing a separate programme while waiting for the marching troops. The troops themselves will be accompanied by all the military bands available. The Western Suburbs Philharmonic Society also notified the committee that its members are prepared to provide a choral programme at some position to be allotted along the route.

LITERATURE FOR THE TROOPS

Mr. F. C. Middleton, manager for R. B. Orchard, Railway-square, writes:—While in conversation with Captain Chaplain Colwell to-day I learned of the scarcity of literature at the Liverpool camp. Every household has numbers of magazines, illustrated papers, etc., which are of no further use, but will be of incricalable benefit in assisting the chaplains of the expeditionary forces in their endeavours to interest and help the men. Send them to us. Being in a central position, right opposite the railway, we are prepared to take all parcels of literature marked "For the Troops" and forward same to Liverpool camp.

UNITS IN EGYPT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

It was officially notified that the following units of the Australian Imperial Forces have arrived in Egypt:—Details of Third Light Horse Brigade, Headquarters 9th Light Horse Regiment, 3rd Light Horse, Field Ambulance, one squadron 10th Light Horse Regiment, first reinforcements 2nd Light Horse, Field Ambulance, 3rd Light Horse Brigade; all units of First Australian General Hospital, Veterinary sections of the First Australian Army Pay Corps, second reinforcements of the 6th Light Horse Regiment, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Field Artillery, Brigade's Divisional Ammunition Column, Engineers, Army Service Corps, 3rd Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps, Line of Communication units, Medical and Veterinary Officers, Third Reinforcements of the 3rd Light Horse Regiment, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Field Artillery, Brigade's Divisional Ammunition Column, Engineers, Army Service Corps, 3rd Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps, Line of Communication units, the Medical and Veterinary Officers, and Y.M.C.A. representative.

Mail matter for the foregoing units, as well as those previously notified, as it is to be addressed to Egypt, until further notice.

PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

LORD MAYOR'S LIST.

The Lord Mayor gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions to the Patriotic Fund:—

Already acknowledged	£193,601 8 3
Mrs. Scrutton	1 1 0
Hawkah Public School, per Mrs. Hall	6 0 0
Kiama Patriotic Fund, further lists	28 14 8
Cowdroy Patriotic League, 6th list	2 8 2
Berry Patriotic Fund	29 4 2
T. P. Swindale, box on scales	1 1 0
	£193,671 8 1

BLUE CROSS.

Already acknowledged, £1303/6/3; Margaret E. Potts, 20/; Jack Potts, 10/; Mrs. Fairland, 5/; the following from P.C., Guild, 1/; Elsie Smith, 1/; Jean Hibbins, 1/; Madge White, 1/; Nancy Black, 1/; Ellen Farrell, 1/; Gwen Priddle, 1/; Constance Williams, 1/; D.B.O., 1/. Total, £1305/0/3.

CITIZENS' "WAR CHEST" FUND.

Collections to date, £11,000/3/11; expenditure to date, £10,059/0/1. The Hon. Treasurer of the Citizens' "War Chest" Fund, 113 Pitt-street, acknowledges the following further contributions:—Already acknowledged, £10,059/0/1; War Chest Concert, Town Hall, per Lord Mayor, £1,000; Lord Mayor's Fund, 17th instalment, £3/12/; 3, 10/22, 1925/3 employees Grace Bros., £5/16/11; 317, employees Perpetual Finance Association, £2/5; (instalment £4/8/4/8), 44/16/8; 325, employees Commercial Banking Co., £5; 451, a Friend, £1/12/6; 71, employees Shire of Fatherland, £7/10/6; 66, employees Hordi Bros., 10th instalment, £total £55/12/6); £9/15/7. Total £11,070/3/11.

"BELGIAN CIRCLES."

The following further sums have been received by the Citizens' "War Chest" Fund from the Belgian Circles, 291 Pitt-street:—Already acknowledged, £1268/8/; Mrs. A. Soyler, £5; Mullumbimby Circle, per Mr. J. B. Davidson, £7; Mrs. R. D. Berrie, £7; per Miss L. Redd, £5/10/; Mrs. Menie, £5; Miss Ellen Forrest, £6/10/; Miss Morie, £4/4/; Donations: Messrs. J. Munro and staff, £5; Double Bay Public School, £1/19/. Total, £1328/18/.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAR FOOD FUND.

The Chamber of Commerce War Food Fund was established for the purpose of sending foodstuffs to England. All supplies are considered to be under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce, with instructions to consult the British Government and distribute the goods either amongst the troops or amongst the poor and needy, as may be considered most advisable. Subscriptions should be sent to the secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Gresham-street, Sydney. The following subscriptions are acknowledged:—Amount already acknowledged, £102,858 18s 3d; Laidlow, 8/; employees M. Meldrod and Co., Gilgandra, March contributions, £6 0 0; per Bank of N.S.W., Cunnamulla, £2 2 1; Mr. and Mrs. James Kinnimonth, Queanbeyan (2nd Queanbeyan), £100; Robert C. Dixon, 3rd donation, £50 total, £102,857 18 11.

MILK APPEAL.

In response to the milk appeal for the War Food Fund, the Upper Wallumba River Cooperative Dairy Company have sent 25 boxes of butter to be sold, the proceeds to be handed to the above fund.

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTARY HOSPITAL.

The following donations have been received by Mr. Collie (hon. secretary), 7 O'Connell-street, Sydney:—Amount already acknowledged, of which £10,400 has been remitted, £20,550 4/1; Bowral Branch Red Cross Society (sewing instalments, £20); Peak Hill Patriotic League, £5/5; Miss M. M. Gibson (further instalment), £1; total, £20,575/5/4.

TEACHERS AND PUPILS.

The hon. treasurer of the Public School Teachers' and Pupils' Travelling Kitchen and Motor Ambulance Fund, Miss Robson (B.S.S., Paddington), acknowledges the receipt of the following further contributions to the donation fund from the accountant, Department of Public Instruction:—S.P.S., Girls, Glebe, £10; S.P.S., Infants, Annandale, 10/; P.S., Enfield, 14/; P.S., Rockdale, £2/2; P.S., Burwood, £1/17/6; P.S., Burra, 11/6; P.S., Kiligh, 20/6; P.S., Campsie Girls, second contribution, 18/4; P.S., Southgate, £1/3/; P.S., Tramway, £1/5; P.S., Spencer, £2/2; P.S., Hornsby, £2/11/; P.S., Merrylands, £1/1; P.S., Bairnsdale, 5/10, £3/5; Kiama, £2/17/3; Sale, £1/; Bellbrook, 5/3; P.S., Temterfield, £3/3/6; P.S., Mt. Arthur, £4/10; P.S., Infants, Arncliffe, 10/6; P.S., Infants, Randwick, £1/6; P.S., Petersham, £2/1/; P.S., Ridgeroad, 2/6; P.S., Clarence, £1/1/; P.S., Tilbuster, £1/; S.P.S., Girls', Sale, Paddington, £2/; P.S., Mullumbimby, 10/6; P.S., Merrylville, £1/12; P.S., Bathurst, £2/; P.S., Dubbo, £2/; P.S., Hunter-street, £1/1; P.S., Gerringong, £2/; P.S., Hurstville, £2/5/; P.S., Bairnsdale, £2/12/6; P.S., Narara, £2/; P.S., Infants, Petersham, £2/2/; P.S., Woonona, £2/; P.S., Infants, Petersham, £2/2/; P.S., Leeth's Ridge, £2/6; P.S., Kandos, £2/2/3; P.S., Leeth's Ridge, £2/6; P.S., Casino, £2/; P.S., Girls, Summer Hill, £2/; P.S., Alstonville, £2/; P.S., Hotten, Cranbrook, £1/1; P.S., Gerringong, £2/; P.S., Pitt Worthdills, £2/4/; Portmacquarie, £2/; P.S., Girls, Third contribution, £1; P.S., Clarence Town, 11/6; P.S., Seven Hills, £1/3/; S.P.S., Hurstville, £2/11/; S.P.S., Girls, Parramatta, £1/15/; P.S., Bairnsdale, £2/; P.S., Mullumbimby, £1/; P.S., Wollondilly, £1/6/2; P.S., Dis. S., Mudgee, £2/10/6; P.S., Gloucester, £3/; P.S., Dis. S., Glen Innes Girls', 13/6; P.S., Murrurundi, £2/; P.S., Wollongong, 10/; P.S., Gladstone, £2/; P.S., Infants, Lithgow, £2/; P.S., Girls, Petersham, £2/1/3; P.S., Kelly's Bay, 17/6; P.S., Barraba, £2/2/2; P.S., Mudgong, 7/3; P.S., Gilgandra, £1/5/6.

FRENCH-AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE OF HELP.

The league wish to acknowledge Miss Stella Henry's donation of £41 11 6, and the gift of a bale of woollen goods, per Mr. W. A. Lang, Pitt-street. Mr. Lang has kindly undertook to Madame Vivieni, wife of the Premier of France, for "the children of the men at the front." A third £1000 are being collected for the children of the French and Belgian refugees from the war.

At the depot, 291 Pitt-street, eager workers would be welcomed. There is also plenty of work for grass workers. The league is anxious to provide a pair for each of the recruits from Nowra passing through Sydney at the end of this month.

The hon. treasurer, 113 Pitt-street, acknowledges the following further donations:—Amount already acknowledged, £7907/6/2; Miss Stella Henry, proceeds concert (per Mr. Lang), £102; Bread fund, Dr. F. W. Helpe's children, £10/10; by Miss Stella Henry, £2; W. A. Lang (sale one bale grocery goods), £7/3/7; Mrs. Trotter, 16/4; Mrs. McLeod, £5/5/; Mrs. Wilkinson, £2; by box and post, £2/9/7; £216/6/8. Grand total, £7900/17/.

The leaf fund has now reached 20,943 leaves—a leaf each.

The amount shown in paper of March 30 as being from Miss Coral M. Curtis should have been collected from Miss Coral M. Cave, Meteor Downs; also Mdlle. Beger prizemoney, £5 should have been £3/5/.

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

MR. MASSEY UNABLE TO ATTEND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Monday.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Massey) has decided that he is unable to attend the Premiers' Conference, owing to the inadvisability of leaving New Zealand during the present Imperial crisis. There is also the necessity of his preparing for the coming session.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES.

The degree of B.A. was conferred on Miss Sara E. Marshall and Mr. L. V. Horniman on Saturday.

FOR BELGIUM.

THE NATIONAL FUND.

OVER £1000 PER DAY.

GOOD SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE COUNTRY.

Again yesterday the subscriptions received by the secretaries of the National Belgian Fund, Challis House, topped the thousand mark, the total being £1050. This included a donation of £250 from Dubbo, £70 (the first monthly instalment) from Germanton, £50 (second contribution) from Hamilton, £72 (first contribution) from Coff's Harbour, £41 (the proceeds of a concert at the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon). Some of the country centres are contributing very well, West Wyalong having sent in £176, in addition to the monthly subscription, Parkes £150, Delegate £100, Cobargo £46.

Temora still holds the palm for a single instalment with £300, though Dubbo was close yesterday with £250. This does not take account of Newcastle, which sent along £1000 a few days ago. All these contributions, and more, are needed to keep up the total of £1000 per day, seven days a week.

A special letter of thanks was sent by the secretaries to the Inspector-General of Police, for the handsome donation to the fund of £750 from the Police and Firemen's Patriotic Carnival fund. The amounts received have included few returns from the trades unions yet, but it is believed that the unionists will support the fund. The Electrical Trades Union of New South Wales has forwarded a third instalment of £15/12/6. The Sydney Grammar School pupils yesterday sent in their fifth weekly contribution of £15/15/9, and the masters of the school are also subscribing regularly.

The garden party at the Wentworth Hotel, postponed from Friday, will be held to-day, when a number of distinguished visitors are expected. An interesting vocal and instrumental concert will be rendered, tea and refreshments served, and fortunes told. Anyone requiring tables to be reserved are requested to notify the hotel by telephone. In Melbourne a great deal of money has been raised for the fund by impromptu auction sales at supper restaurants, and similar records. On Friday night at the Australia an effort was made to commend the merits of the fund to those present by a few energetic spirits, with the result that the total was increased by £173.

The suite of furniture presented to the fund by Mr. J. Heath, of George-street, is now on view at his establishment. It is being disposed of by art union, and has attracted so much attention that only a few tickets are left. There is a very good demand for the tickets for the "Belgian" motor car art union, and these are to be made available to country as well as to city residents, through the municipal and shire committees.

The St. Peters Belgian committee are organising a novel entertainment, in the shape of a Venetian carnival, on the Cook's River reserve, for the nights of the 15th, 16th, and 17th inst. It is expected that the fund will be considerably augmented by this venture.

Messrs. Hunter and Beavis, joint honorary secretaries of the halls, Hunter House, Sydney, acknowledge the receipt on the 12th instant of the amounts mentioned hereunder:—

To amount previously acknowledged	£24,630 5 6
Mitchell and Cranston and staff (1st contribution)	3 5 0
B. H. Long Jones (monthly)	5 5 0
employees of Co-operative Motor Society (weekly)	2 1 0
Mrs. John Walker, proceeds of concert held at Mr. Bruitt on 3/4/15	2 10 0
Botany National Belgian Relief Fund (1st monthly)	35 0 0
Hamilton National Belgian Relief Fund (2nd contribution)	30 0 0
Coff's Harbour National Belgian Relief Fund (1st contribution)	72 3 10
Dairyville National Belgian Relief Fund (1st contribution)	7 7 0
Dubbo National Belgian Relief Fund (donation)	250 0 0
Carcoar National Belgian Relief Fund, Gallymont Patriotic Sports Committee	66 2 0
Proceeds of drill presented and disposed of by Mrs. G. M. Smith and Miss M. Smith, Carcoar	12 12 6
Willaganla National Belgian Relief Fund (1st monthly)	15 0 0
Bogan Shire Council, subscriptions from residents around Shire (1st monthly)	20 0 0
Germanton National Belgian Relief Fund (1st monthly)	70 0 0
Star of the East Lodge, No. 253, I.O. of Good Templars, Dundas (donation)	20 0 0
Amount collected by Mr. George Belanger at Balmain Club (2nd collection)	18 2 6
Paddington Branch Women's Fraser Union and friends (1st contribution)	4 10 0
Dorrigo National Belgian Relief Fund	40 0 0
Waratah National Belgian Relief Fund (2nd collection)	25 0 0
Peak Hill National Belgian Relief Fund (1st contribution)	10 0 0
Canbourne National Belgian Relief Fund (1st instalment)	20 1 6
Kendall and Sons' employees and residents (2nd fortnightly)	10 0 0
Yarrangobilly Shire Riding, Belgian Circle (1st collection)	8 18 7
Cowra National Belgian Relief Fund (1st contribution)	10 0 0
Kurrajong National Belgian Relief Fund (1st contribution)	2 9 0
Dr. A. Murray Oram (monthly contribution)	5 5 0
Two unions (donation)	5 0 0
Miami National Belgian Relief Fund (monthly)	11 19 0
Employees of W. Furness (2nd contribution)	1 10 0
Holmes, Storey, and Co.'s employees (1st monthly)	1 15 0
Vaucluse Bowling Club, £2/2/6; Employees, £2/ (contribution)	4 2 6
Mr. Marden, Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon, proceeds concert at P.L. Coll.	41 0 0
Mrs. R. A. Hopkins (donation)	5 0 0
A. H. Colegrave, Federal (donation)	1 0 0
A. H. Colegrave, Federal (donation)	1 0 0
Misses Grace and Minnie Larkin (mthly.)	2 2 0
Employees of "Big Nugget" Mine, Hargraves (1st fortnightly)	1 7 6
Nixon, South (donation)	4 10 0
Sisters' Conference Churches of Christ (donation)	5 0 0
Dacon Cotton and Hessey Plaiting Works, per Rylands and Sons, Ltd. (donation)	2 2 0
staff of Rylands and Sons, Ltd. (donation)	2 16 0
Mr. G. N. Lamb (donation)	5 5 0
Mrs. G. N. Lamb (donation)	2 2 0
Mr. Young, collected by (donation)	0 16 10
Walter Bentley Bey. Fund (weekly)	0 14 0
Farmer and Co.'s Employees' Staff (weekly)	0 10 0
Collected Belgian Relief Fund (weekly)	17 7
Employees of Paley Bros., Ltd. (5th and 6th contributions)	10 0 0
Professor Robinson (donation)	5 0 0
Mrs. Wilfred Fairfax (donation)	2 2 0
M. M. Gibson (donation)	1 0 0
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rutter (donation)	1 0 0
Pupils, Public School, South Arm, Brushgrove (monthly)	1 10 8
Mr. ———	0 5 0
Eldon Barker	0 10 0
McLaughlin, Stone, and Co. (1st instal.)	1 1 0
Nicol, Ltd. (weekly)	1 0 6
Neptune Oil Co., Ltd. (2nd contribution)	1 0 6
Staff of Neptune Oil Co., Ltd. (2nd contribution)	1 16 6
Rylands and Sons, Ltd. (2nd contrib.)	2 16 0
Staff of Rylands and Sons, Ltd., £ for £ (2nd contribution)	15 15 9
John Fell and Co. and staff (monthly)	10 10 0
Dorsdorff and Co.	
Electrical Employees of D. B. Armstrong (weekly)	0 11 6
Cooper Lane	10 0 0
Sanders W. Nicholls (Jan. to April), 4 months at £1 per month	4 0 0
	£25,680 6 10

The secretaries of the fund state that New West, per "S. M. Herald," £10, March 2, should be "Alfred Bacon, Gunnedah, £10."

CONSUL'S LIST.

M. Watteeux, Consul for Belgium, 14 Castlereagh-street, advises that the amount received to date is £214,982 11 6.

New South Wales contributions to date	£153,331 4 0
Queensland contributions to date	13,682 7 6
Victorian Imperial Belgian Relief Fund	42,500 0 0
(N.Z.)	5,213 0 0
Christchurch (N.Z.) Belgian Relief Fund	
N.S.W., further contributions:—	
Collected by Mrs. Davis, residents of Wigram-road, Glebe Point	1 4 0
C. R. Prince (2nd monthly)	5 0 0
Proceeds of concert organised by Miss E. F. Horton and Master Ned Oehrich collected by Mrs. Carlson (4th collection)	6 4 6
Proceeds of dance, Berowra Miniature Rifle Club	0 10 10
Harold ———	5 0 0
Grace Stafford and students' sale of poem and A. G. Stephens, "The Women Left Behind"	1 0 0
More 6th instalment of the 1s. week collection by the Misses Kendall	25 0 0
Greenthorpe, proceeds of a concert	37 5 0
Marrickville pumping station, firemen, 3rd instalment	0 5 0
Proceeds of cushion donated and raffled by Mrs. Fred. Jackson and Mrs. C. Murphy, Newcastle	3 0 0
poem and A. G. Stephens, "The Women Left Behind"	1 1 0
"My Country; my honour demand it"— A. C. Cripps (Canbelago), 2 months' subscriptions	2 0 0
H. Vaughan	1 1 0
Employees J. B. Tickle and Son, 7th subscription	2 11 6
Employees Park, Davis, and Co., 7th instalment	2 2 7
"The Cedars" Household, 2nd monthly subscription	1 1 0
Mrs. Mark Mitchell (2nd monthly)	1 1 0
Employees A.M.C., Ltd. (2 weeks' subs.)	4 5 8
Bogan Gate Juvenile Patriotic Fund	1 3 0
Friend	0 2 6
Mrs. E. H. Allen	0 5 0
Glen Bacling Co. (further instal.)	10 0 0
Henry George Wise	0 1 8
Employees H. C. Henderson, Ltd.	1 0 0
J. C.	0 1 0
From Mc———	0 1 0
Residents of Narara	7 3 4
Gibb and Beeman, Ltd., and employees	3 0 0
Betty and Peggy	1 1 0
Broadway Quartette	0 2 0
Cambeyne Patriotic League, 6th instal.	8 0 3
Mrs. F. Clifford	0 10 0
Miss Kenrick and friends	2 0 0
Employees Electric Light and Power Supply Corp., Ltd., 4th instal.	5 16 8
Collecting Box, Miss Morris, Cessnock	4 16 6
Jane Longworth (further)	2 0 0
Employees Sydney Meat Preserving Co., 26th instal.	3 4 6
Sussex-street Congregational Mission, half proceeds of concert	2 5 0
Collected by Mr. E. Segaert	1 13 3
Employees Compland and Waddell	1 2 0
From Eileen, Elsha, Phyllis, and Kathleen	0 7 0
Sydney Knitting Co.'s employees (weekly)	0 13 0
Sydney Lyceum Club, collected by Mrs. Barclay	0 19 6
Sydney Lyceum Club, collected by Mrs. Headley	0 5 0
Sydney Lyceum Club, collected by little Sheila Tarrant	0 5 8
Weekly collection, Miss M. Henderson	0 1 0
Mr. Digby (weekly)	0 1 0
T.	1 0 0
Blue Bay Girls	1 10 0
"In Honour Bound," 7th inst.	1 14 6
Some employees A. Hordern and Sons, Ltd., Brickfield Hill, 5th instal.	5 0 0
Collected by Miss Tessie Bray	0 15 1
Collected at a rose dance by Miss Hilda Abbott	0 13 0
Marrickville Family	0 7 6
Employees Randle Photo. Engraving Co., 2nd instal.	1 1 0
St. James's Camp, Laura "Evening News" Comps.' weekly subs., per A. de Somer	0 13 6
G.B.	0 10 0
I.D.	0 10 0
L.K.R.	0 2 0
Miss U. F. Bird (collection)	1 1 0
J.M.V.	1 1 0
Pendrina Rubber Co., Ltd., staff, 6th instal.	3 1 1
Mr. and Mrs. G. Woodgate	1 0 0
"Cyrus Lane," 6th weekly subs.	0 15 0
E. J. Hayes	1 0 3
4th instalment from Carnarvon	2 2 11
Mrs. Rees and friends, weekly collected, from the visitors at "Wesley," Katoomba	2 7 —
Mr. Dunmore Lang	2 12 6
Mrs. P. F. Mackenzie (1 year's subs.)	2 12 0
Mrs. Dunmore Lang (1 year's subs.)	2 12 0
Waterhouse and Spiff, Store Employees, Tooth and Co., Ltd.	8 0 0
Collected at "Sherborne" by Mrs. Mills	1 11 0
Employees Colonial Fertiliser Co., per C. F. Boutreland	4 0 0
Employees Newman Manufacturing Co., per C. F. Boutreland	4 0 0
Employees Austral Chair Co.	5 11 6
Bertie Barkell	0 5 0
Ebert, Drummoyne	0 5 0
V. Cotton	1 1 0
Edith Deane (April and May contrib.)	1 1 0
Total	£214,982 14 6

A dance organised by Mrs. Monro was held in Bayview Hall, Cronulla, lent by Mr. Horsefield, in aid of the Belgian Fund, which will benefit to the extent of £43 4s. A Belgian flag given by Mrs. Monro realised £9 10s. Mrs. Monro gave £5 5s, and Mrs. Palmer 10s 6d.

A patriotic concert is to be held at the Town Hall, Hunter's Hill, on Wednesday, and the State Military Band and the leading professional artists of Sydney have given their services.

The Kensington committee of the Belgian Relief Fund state that in connection with the local house-to-house collections for the fund only those collectors having the official card of the committee are authorised to collect.

The fete in aid of the Belgian Fund to be held at Wallarobo, Killara, on the 17th inst., promises to be a great success. The floral competitions, fancy dress parade for children, shooting gallery, and hoop-la are among the afternoon attractions.

The street collections taken up at Manly in aid of the fund realised £120 12s 9½d.

A meeting was held in the Petersham Town Hall on Friday in the interests of the fund. Alderman T. J. Hoskins, M.L.A., presided. Mr. Hoskins gave a donation of £5, and stated that if 49 other persons would do likewise, he would give a further £5. A number of other subscriptions were also handed in. A systematic collection is being organised throughout the whole municipality.

CIRCUS PARADE.

A circus parade of Wirth's, Ltd., in aid of the Belgian Fund yesterday was viewed by thousands of interested people along the line of march. The work of organising the procession was undertaken by Mr. George Peterson and Mr. E. Platt-Ruskin. The parade started off from the circus headquarters at Prince Alfred Park, where it was headed by a crowd of 5000 people. It was headed by a decorated motor car containing Messrs. Wirth Bros. and the organisers, then came the band, 16 ladies and gentlemen in costume on horses, a four-in-hand drag driven by a lady, small ponies, mules, cages containing the various menagerie of the circus, pulled by a team of elephants, four of which collected on the way with their trunks, and placed the coins in a box; then came decorated lorries and motor cars. The route followed was along Chalmers, Elizabeth, Castlereagh, Hunter, and Pitt streets to Eddy-avenue, thence to Chalmers-street, and back to the circus. A number of ladies armed with boxes took up a collection on the line of route, Mrs. Callaghan, Miss Madeline Wirth, and Miss Gregg Smith being the three to obtain the greatest amount by this means. The procession was marshalled by Mr. John Cooke, of Wirth's, Ltd., and Mr. Franks, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. A special matinee was given at the circus, at which the Governor, Sir Gerald Strickland, and a party from Government House attended. The Governor and party were met by the Messrs. Wirth Bros., and the Misses Strickland were presented with bouquets. His Excellency, who had viewed the procession, expressed his pleasure at the action of the management, and complimented them on their display. The management desire to thank all those who assisted in making the parade a success. It is expected that the sum of £150 or £160 will be handed over to the Belgian Fund. The street collections totalled £118 10s 5½d.

WHITE CITY CARNIVAL.

Last night's fancy dress carnival at the White City was attended by a large number of people. Hundreds of gaily-attired masqueraders mingled with the general public, and lent an air of gaiety to the scene. That a attraction of the evening was the parade of fancy dress competitors, and the picturesque assembling of the many sets and teams. The ballroom was thronged by costumed competitors, who passed in a glittering procession before the judges. Indian Princes and Princesses in the gorgeous attire of the part of the Empire they were supposed to represent, Rajahs and English admirals, cardinals and Cossacks, Belgian, French, Russian, and Japanese soldiers and sailors, historical characters wide a wide variety of latter-day figures, all gave charming variety to the concourse. Prizes were subsequently distributed.

THE COUNTRY EFFORT.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

Great activity is being shown locally. At a meeting last week it was reported that funds were coming in freely, and that several sets of men intended in various grades of employment giving a percentage of their regular earnings to the fund.

A knitting league of girls under 14 years of age was formed under the auspices of the Red Cross Society to knit socks and other necessary articles for men in the front.

BINGARA, Monday.

The Mayor, Alderman E. C. J. Wearne, convened a public meeting to start a branch of the Belgian National Relief Fund. Subscriptions were invited, and £100 was handed in. Over £100 more was promised, and subscriptions until 1915, amounting to nearly £100 monthly, were promised from those present.

CASINO, Monday.

At a meeting of the Tomki Shire Council it was decided to appoint collectors in various centres of the shire, to collect for the Belgian National Relief Fund, the collections to be made monthly, and handed to the shire clerk, who will forward to the executive.

CUMNOCK, Monday.

The proceeds of a sports meeting and ball at Cumnock totalled over £50.

MUDGEE, Monday.

The sum of £66 6s was netted by a sale of work, sheep, produce, etc., held at Long Creek. The event concluded with a concert and social night. The people of Windeyer, Mo-roo, Grattan, Hargraves, Pyramid, and Avisford co-operated.

A sports meeting and market day were held at Budgee Budgee, and the proceeds exceeded £100.

ADELAIDE CELEBRATION.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

At the Belgian Flag Day and motor car procession arranged by the Automobile Association, a street auction sale and re-sale of flags realised £464. Tattersall's Club fancy auction for flags totalled £117. During the day more than 80,000 flags and ribbons were sold in the streets. The total received from the whole proceedings was £2091.

MINING FIND.

HOBART, Monday.

The prospecting party sent down to Port Davey have found asphalium at the mouth of Deep River, and, it is stated, gold, tin, and osmiridium. That gold existed at Port Davey was already known, though no important deposits had been discovered. Tin has been worked off and on for years near by Cox's Bight. The finding of osmiridium is, however, quite new.

Tasmania has been one of the chief sources of the world's supply of osmiridium for some years past, but the whole of the output of that mineral comes from the Savage River country near Waratah. It is there found associated with serpentine rock, which also appears near Port Davey.

LABOUR CONFERENCE

P.L.L. JUBILEE.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

ADULT FRANCHISE.

The business of the annual session of the Political Labour League was continued last night, at the I.O.O.F. Temple, Elizabeth-street.

A letter signed "Robert Harris, Ashfield," called attention to the fact that in November next the silver jubilee of the inauguration of the Labour movement in New South Wales would occur.

The Premier, Mr. Holman, said he was a member of the old Balmain Labour League in 1891, but he could not claim to have participated in the actual formation of the Labour movement in 1890. That honour belonged to Mr. George Black, the Chief Secretary, and Mr. Flowers, the Vice-President of the Executive Council. He, however, was quite at one with those who thought that this silver jubilee should be fittingly celebrated, and he moved accordingly,

Mr. J. H. Cann, Minister for Works, seconded the motion. In the early stages Labour members were called "doctrinaires" and all sorts of names, and there was a general impression that it was not respectable to be a Labour man. (Laughter.) The advocates of those days were probably more enthusiastic than those of to-day.

A voice: You did not get paid then.

Mr. Cann: We did not, and we had very little funds of any kind with which to fight our campaigns. People would not stand in the rain to hear Labour men talking. If a hall were wanted the owner would say: "The last party who had this hall did not pay for it, and you will have to pay for both before you will get it." Once at Aberdeen the Mayor, who reluctantly took the chair, said he wished it to be thoroughly understood that he did not subscribe to whatever views might be expressed. Therefore, when I rose to speak, I said I wished it to be understood that I did not share in the views of the Mayor. In those days we had Freetraders and Labourites, Protectionists and Labourites, and Socialists and Single-taxers. We had also the electoral leagues, which would send deputations to join with deputations from the Trades and Labour Council. We had in those delegations such men as Mr. J. C. Watson and Mr. W. A. Trenwith. What Labour has done since those days is apparent by the laws then and now.

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald supported the motion. He said he was a member of one of the first State unions, the Typographical. At that time he was only 20 years of age, and was then vice-president of the Trades and Labour Council. He paid a high tribute to the growth of the A.W.U., and the work of Mr. W. G. Spence, who had organised the miners, the bush workers, and the shearers.

The motion that the silver jubilee be fittingly celebrated in November next, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of the executive, was carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. E. A. Kelly, returning officer, declared the results of the ballots as follows:—

President: Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald (elected); followed in order by Messrs. H. Lamond, W. O'Brien, S. Toombs, M.L.A., T. H. Thrower, M.L.A., and J. E. Burke.

Vice-presidents: Mr. T. D. Meagher, M.L.A., and Mr. E. H. Farrar, M.L.C. (elected). Others in order were: Mrs. K. Dwyer, Messrs. A. E. O'Brien, F. F. Cowdroy, Claude Thompson, Carl Johnstone, M. Burke, W. Mahoney, J. E. Burke, W. J. Murray, Frank Lagerlow, and A. Vernon.

Secretary: Mr. P. C. Evans, late assistant secretary (elected). Others in order were:—Messrs. A. Rae, D. Guthen, T. Slade, J. E. Burke, and G. J. Sinclair.

Interstate Conference Delegates: Messrs. W. M. Hughes, M.P., W. A. Holman, M.L.A., R. D. Meagher, M.L.A., H. Lamond, J. D. Fitzgerald, and A. Rae. There were 31 other candidates, Mrs. K. Dwyer being runner-up with 156 votes, as against the highest (Mr. Hughes's 159).

Executive: The following thirty (in order) were elected from 205 candidates:—Messrs. A. Rae (155), J. C. Watson, W. M. Hughes, M.P., W. A. Holman, M.L.A., and S. Guthen, Mrs. K. Dwyer, Messrs. T. D. Mutch, W. O'Brien, W. L. Duncan, E. Graysdier, Captain S. Toombs, M.L.A., Messrs. Claude Thompson, F. F. Cowdroy, A. Vernon, Senator J. Grant, Messrs. George Cann, M.L.A., M. Burke, F. H. Bryant, M.L.C., H. J. Sturr-Robertson, M.L.A., J. J. Talbot, C. Hogan, J. J. Morrish, M.L.A., C. Fox, G. Black, M.L.A., and C. Von Hagen, Senator A. McDougall, Mrs. J. Grant, Mr. C. Lewis, Miss Matthews, and Mr. A. Blakeley.

The following, were to fill any vacancies that may occur, were in the following order, viz.:—Messrs. H. Lestrange, M. Henwood, Senator A. Gardiner, J. Dooley, M.L.A., Mrs. E. Seery, and Mr. W. Rosser.

On the motion of Mr. A. E. O'Brien, it was decided to re-elect the returning officer and scrutineers for their labours.

FREE SPEECH.

Mr. Murray, president of the Boilermakers' Union, called attention to the imprisonment that day of a man for indulging in free speech.

Mr. D. R. Hall, Attorney-General, said there were no men in prison for free speech. There was a man there for taking part in a riot at Newcastle and creating a disturbance. He had only heard at 6.30 p.m. of the man referred to by Mr. Murray being in prison, and he was discharged at 7 p.m. Men did not come within his purview until they were imprisoned; but he understood that the Chief Secretary would give instructions which would cause these prosecutions to cease, and thus prevent any recurrence of imprisonment for the exercise of freedom of speech. (Hear, hear.)

GREATER SYDNEY.

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald proceeded further with his explanation of the committee's recommendation for a Greater Sydney.

On behalf of Mr. Cahill (Bricklayers' Union), Mr. Fitzgerald moved in favour of payment of allowances to aldermen of Greater Sydney Council, such allowance to be a, the rate of £250 per annum. This was agreed to.

Mr. Brennan moved in favour of the initiative and referendum in all municipal and shire areas, including Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle. This was agreed to.

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald moved to strike out of the platform the plank in favour of the election of the mayor by the citizens. He declared it was a business body, and said they did not want political bosses. There was nothing to prevent a Labour man being the first Lord Mayor.

A voice: "He's already in the chair."

Mr. Fitzgerald referred to the failure of his party's efforts while other Governments to make this Greater Sydney a live question, and said were it not for the driving force behind the Labour movement there would be no vitality in the issue to-day.

Mr. Holman favoured the election of the Lord Mayor by fellow-aldermen. No one required a despot to be in power for a year. What was wanted was a leader. New South Wales had already had experience of a man holding the position of Chief Commissioner for Railways who had not only the power of veto over the confidences, but even had power to dismiss them. In that case they were supposed to have three commissioners, but in reality had only one.

The voting was 73 in the affirmative and 57 in the negative.

The chairman, Mr. R. D. Meagher, M.L.A., said the majority was not two-thirds, as required by the rules.

The motion *therefore* lapsed.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to recommit the clause providing for the appointment of a Civil Service Commission "to prevent aldermanic patronage."

Mr. Meagher, M.L.A., said he had had some 11 years' experience, and was not enamoured of commissioners. They often opened the way for political influence, which was the worse for not being apparent.

The proposal to recommit was negatived on the voices.

THE BALANCE-SHEET.

The balance-sheet of the P.L.L. was adopted. The receipts for the year were £3340, and the expenditure much about the same amount.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

To the words "Greater Newcastle," it was decided to add "the laws of Greater Sydney as far as applicable."

Acceptance was given to the General Town Planning and Housing Act for the whole State, and to the following other recommendations by the local government committee:—

The establishment of a valuation bureau to value all lands for municipal government or other purposes.

The regulation by statute of the width of tyres and weight of loads.

Power to subsidise bands and orchestras, and to build and manage theatres, picture shows, and music halls for the recreation of the people.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Business was brisk on 'Change yesterday, and a large number of sales were recorded at prices which showed an upward tendency.

Variations on previous rates were as follow:—

RISE.

Broken Hill Proprietary debentures	5/
National Bank	/6
Newcastle Steam	/6
Queensland Insurance	2/
A. and E. Ellis	/6
Gen. J. B. Smithers	/3
Howard Smith, ord.	/3
Silverton Trams	2/6
Wunderlich, ord.	/3

FALL.

Port Jackson Steam	/6
Tooth and Co., ord.	1/6
Paris House	/3
Hetton Coal	/6
Tooth and Co., pref.	/6
Huddart, Parker, ord.	/4

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last dividend per annum.	Prices. Last Sales.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
BANKS.							
N.S.W. Trustees'			7	10	70	...	4½
Do., Govt. opt.			3½	81	...	...	4½
Do., Govt. opt.			3½	...	...	...	4½
Do., due 1924			3½	94	...	...	4½
Do., due 1926			3½	96½	96½	...	4½
Do., due 1947			4	98/10	...	...	4½
Do., due 1955			4	98	98	...	4½
Do., due 1957			4	...	98	...	4½
Do., 1873			6	100/10	100½	100¾	5½
Rll. Prop. deb.							
BANKS.							
*Australasia	40	40	17	121	118	...	5½
Aust. B. Asia	1	1	5	14/	13/6	14/	5½
Bank of N.Z.	7	65	6	62/	62/	...	5½
City of Sydney	8	8	6	6/2/6	6/	...	5½
Colonial	4	4	6	5/17/6	5/	...	5½
Do., new	10	10	4	...	...	...	5½
Com. of Aust.	10	10	4	...	...	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	4	...	...	...	5½
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	24/17/6	24½	25	4½
E., S., and A.	20	20	7	...	...	20	5½
London Bank	224	10	7	...	...	11	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	7	...	...	...	5½
National	5	5	7	5/12	...	...	5½
N.S.W.	20	20	10	41	41	...	4½
New Zealand	64	34	15	10/12/6	10½	...	5½
Queensland Nat.	5	5	8	...	...	5½	5½
Union	5	5	14	86/6	84	...	5½
DEPOSITS.				56/2/6	56	...	5½
A. B. S.			4	15/	14/10½	...	5½
E. S. A., pref.			4	11/4½	...	...	5½
Ditto, def.			4½	...	...	...	5½
Ditto, def.			5	...	...	...	5½
Queensland Nat.			5½	16/10½	16/3	16/6	4½
STEAM.							
*Adelaide	1	1	8	21/10½	22/6	...	5½
Bal. S. Ferry	1	1	5	17/	17/	...	5½
Budd., Parker	1	1	5	20/2	19/6	20/6	5½
Ditto, rev.							
Clarence and S.				13/3	13/6	22/6	4½
Howard Smith	1	1	7	28/	28/6	...	5½
Newcastle	1	1	7	39/	39/6	31/	4½
North Coast	1	1	7	27/	...	27/	5½
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	12/9	13/6	...	5½
Ditto, new	1	1	7	9/	9/	...	5½
Port Jackson	1	1	10	24/6	24/6	...	5½
Ditto, new	1	1	7	17/	17/	17/6	4½
Tasmanian	1	1	10	20/9	20/6	21/	4½
Union	1	1	7	...	20/	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	8	25/	25/	...	5½
Ditto, def.	1	1	7	20/	20/	...	5½
Western	1	1	8	18/6	...	...	5½
Wallaroo and M.	1	1	7	17/	17/	18/	5½
Waratah	1	1	7	2/9	2/9	3/9	5½
Brown Bros.							
M.H. Co., Supply	4	4	5	...	...	...	5½
Brooks	1	1	8	20/	...	...	5½
Burns, Philp	1	1	6	26/9	26/	26/9	4½
C. Anderson, Co.	1	1	5	...	...	...	5½
Colonial Sugar	20	20	12½	51/17/6	51½	51½	4½
Dalgety	20	5	8	6/15	6/	...	5½
Dunlop	1	1	10	20/	...	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	20/6	20/	...	5½
Elec. L. and P.	1	1	7	29/	28/3	...	5½
Ditto, 2nd Debs.	100	100	5	143	...	...	5½
Elec. Constr.	1	1	20	38/	...	38/	5½
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	8	12/	12/	...	5½
Farmers and Sons	1	1	8	23/6	23/3	23/6	5½
Farmer and Co.	10	10	12½	16/10½	...	...	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	11	...	...	5½
Fibrin, Goldhill	1	1	10	...	...	...	5½
Goldsbrough, M.	1	20	8	36/7½	37/	38/	4½
Goodlet and Sm.	15/	15/	8	17/6	17/	17/6	5½
Gr. Williams	1	1	5	14/4½	14/4½	14/6	5½
Harrison Jones	1	1	10	...	21	...	5½
Ditto, contrib.	1	1	10	10	...	...	5½
H. Jones and Co.	1	1	7½	20/3	20/3	...	5½
Mt. Metropole	1	1	10	27/6	26	...	5½
Howard Smith	1	1	7	24/6	24/6	24/7½	5½
Ditto, def.			4½	...	...	...	5½
H. M'Kenzie	1	1	7	17/6	...	...	5½
Ludowici	1	1	7	...	...	...	5½
Mark Foy's	1	1	7	20/3	20/	...	5½
J. Search, Sons	1	1	7	11/9	...	...	5½
Manchester	1	1	10	...	...	30/	5½
Mort's Dock	10	10	6	24/	...	24/6	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/5½	10½	...	5½
Metters	1	1	7	15/	...	...	5½
Mick Simmons	1	1	10	24/	24/	...	5½
Mutual Supply	10	10	10	11/5½	11/4½	11/6	5½
Nat. Tr. Corp.	1	1	10	1/	...	...	5½
Ditto, new	1	10	10	22/6	22/9	...	5½
N. S. W. Brick	10	10	10	18/	18	18/9	5½
N. S. W. Fresh							
Food, Ice	1	18	8	28/	27/6	...	5½
Nobbs Loader	1	1	10	10/	...	...	5½
Nyrang Pastoral	10	10	5	24/	...	24/	5½
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	22/9	...	...	5½
Perpetual Trust	1	1	10	24/9	...	...	5½
Perry, Tredr.	10	10	10	19/	...	...	5½
Perry, Sdg.	1	1	10	20/6	...	...	5½
R. Y. Gordon	1	1	10	40/	...	...	5½
R. and Wrench	1	1	7	22/6	22/6	...	5½
Sargent's	1	1	10	25/	26/	26/6	5½
Silverton Trams	1	1	10	5/2/6	5/2/6	5/3	5½
Sth. Aust. Metal	1	1	7	...	...	18/	5½
Stott, Wargood	1	1	10	28/3	28/6	...	5½
Sydney Stock	10	10	10	17/	17/	18/6	5½
Stan. Prac. pref.	1	1	8	27/	26/	40/	5½
Sun Newspaper	1	1	10	36/	...	...	5½
Sydney Tech.	10	10	10	10/10	...	...	5½
Tooth, Kirkcldy	1	1	10	19/	18/	19/	5½
Tooth and Co.	1	1	10	20/6	20/3	...	5½
Tooth and Co., pref.	1	1	10	20/	...	...	5½
Tooth and Co., def.	1	1	10	20/	...	...	5½
Wallaroo and M.	1	1	10	22/	...	...	5½
Wunderlich	1	1	10	20/9	20/9	...	5½
Ditto, 1st pref.	1	1	7	21/	21/	22/	5½
Ditto, 2nd pref.	1	1	7	...	20/3	...	5½
LAND and BD.							
A. Hoskins and							
A. Hoskins, pref.	1	1	7½	16/9	17/6	9	
Intercolonial	1	1	8	21/	21/4	24	
Newcastle	1	1	7½	...	21/6	...	
COAL.							
Clermont	1	1	10	...	35/	...	
Ditto, new	1	1	10	...	...	...	
Pelaw Main	1	1	10	21/6	21/6	21/6	
Ditto, Athol	10	10	10	...	...	...	
Caledonia, pref.	1	1	8	25/	25	...	
Five Docks	1	1	10	24/6	25	22/6	
Hetton	1	1	21	28/5	...	25/3	
Hetton, 2nd pref.	1	1	10	10/6	10/3½	...	
Mount Kembla	1	1	21	16/6	17/9	18	
Mt. Kembla, pref.	1	1	10	10/	10/	9½	
North Bulli	1	1	21	31/6	31/	34	
South Clifton	100	100	7	4/6	4/3	...	
South Coast	1	1	8	20/	20/	19½	
Wallsend	1	1	10	25	24/6	...	
Yale of Clwydd	1	1	10	25	24/6	...	
Wallsend	1	10	10	18/	...	18½	
Wickham	1	1	21	22/6	22/3	...	
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10½	22/	22/	24/	

* Ex dividend. ** Cum dividend.

† Where dividends are interim the average for the year is quoted. ‡ Cum rights. § Ex rights.

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Bank of New South Wales, £41; Mercantile Mutual, 19/6; Toohevs, Ltd., 24/3; Colonial Sugar, £51/17/6; Howard Smith (ord.), 24/6; Hetton Coal, 23/3; Millaquin Sugar, £11/5/; Paris House, 5/3. Noon: I.O.A., 4/; Tooth and Co., 41/, 40/9; A. and E. Ellis, 18/6; Henry Jones, 26/3; Howard Smith (old), 24/7½, 24/9; Joe Gardiner, rights, 3/6; Colonial Sugar, £51/17/6.

Afternoon:—Commercial Bank of Sydney £24/17/6; Bank of New South Wales, £41; Australian Gas "A" shares, £8/17/6; ditto "B" shares, £8/17/6; Colonial Sugar, £51/17/6; J. D. Williams, 14/4½; Howard Smith (con.), 7/6; Millaquin Sugar, £11/5; Silverton Trams £5/2/6; B.H. Proprietary, debs., £100/10/; Fairymead Sugar, 23/6; Tooth and Co. (ord) 40/9; Queensland Insurance, 55/; Newcastle Steam, 29/; National Bank of Australia £5/13/; Spencer's Pictures, 18/; Port Jackson Steam, 47/; Wunderlich, ord., 20/9; Hetton Coal, 23/3; Tooth and Co., ord., 23/; Huddart, Parker, ord., 20/3.

FINANCIAL.

BANK ABSTRACTS.

The chief features of the abstracts of the average liabilities and assets of the undermentioned banks within the State of New South Wales for the quarter ended March 31, 1915, compare with those of the previous quarter as follows:—

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

	Quarter ended December 31.	March 31.
Notes	£12,487	£12,309
Deposits, current	2,848,130	2,921,251
Deposits, fixed	2,501,396	2,984,624
Coin and bullion	1,528,874	1,415,902
Australian notes	197,074	232,488
Advances	4,098,447	3,842,317

BANK OF NORTH QUEENSLAND.

Deposits, current	140,574	134,698
Deposits, fixed	142,238	151,580
Coin and bullion	109,382	137,504
Australian notes	14,063	16,146
Advances	226,258	235,747

CO-OPERATION.

Mr. Frank E. Pulsford writes:—

Sir,—In Wednesday's issue "Inquirer" pictures consumers' co-operative stores become universal, and so constituting one, and the only buyer, faced by all producers; similarly welded into a single buying entity—each buying to dictate terms to the other. He asks can I find for him the "brotherhood" and "elimination of competition" in such a position? Consumers are also producers, and vice versa. The organised consumers would be (practically) the same people as the organised producers. A man is not troubled with "competition" in settling a quarrel with his wife's husband. The situation pictured by "Inquirer" is, of course, impossible and absurd, but it is the sort of thing that passes for argument against co-operation. Both producers and consumers' co-operation eliminate unnecessary middlemen and wasteful overlapping, and thereby reduce the general cost of living. The clash of interest between the two schools does not prevent brotherhood. Both schools meet amicably in the English Co-operative Union. A big Victorian Farmers' Producing Society does combined wholesale buying for a number of Victorian distributive societies. Co-operators have ways of reconciling clashing interests which competitive industry has not. Co-operation is not a silly utopian dream, too idealistic for a world where "struggle for existence" is dominant. It is a robust and successful method of introducing brotherhood into the very heart of an industrial system otherwise utterly selfish, soulless, pagan.

NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The directors of the National Bank of Australasia have decided, subject to audit, to recommend that the forthcoming dividend on preference and ordinary shares for the half-year ended March 31 be at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and that £20,000 be added to the reserve fund, making it £545,000.

BUTTER PRICES.

BUTTER SUPPLIES.

WHERE STOCKS ARE GOING.

Last week-end saw the retailers complaining that butter was not purchaseable, and so acute was the position that a complaint was made to the Attorney-General.

Many members of the Sussex-street trade doubted that supplies were so diminished as to cause trouble, and the following figures of exports show that their opinion was not without foundation:—

Exports of butter from the port of Sydney for the week ended April 10:—United Kingdom and Continent, 7281 boxes: India and Ceylon, 6; New Caledonia, 7; South Sea Islands, 30, Singapore and Java, 177; elsewhere, 37. Total, 7532.

This shows that a total of 7592 boxes were withdrawn from the local trade for export outside the Commonwealth.

AN INDIVIDUALIST VIEW.

"Individualist" writes:—

Sir,—If the Government fixes the price of butter, why not fix the prices of cheese, milk, or any other commodity? It is a mad world, my masters," and I think very much like Sir Callan Pirie had broken loose in Sydney. This is a state of war, we are told, and under such conditions heroic or Holmesquyx methods are necessary. We in Australia are most happily situated—with plentiful supplies of food, with no war nearer than 10,000 miles, our coasts inviolate, and business going on as usual. Yet our socialist masters seek to interfere in every business and will shortly interfere in every relation of life.

Mr. H. M. Hyndman has an article in the "English Review" on "Socialism and Society," "Triumph of Marxist Socialism," in which he seeks to show that the war will cause all countries, to turn to Marx's teaching as the only panacea for their social troubles. But Mr. Hyndman forgets that Marx, a German, is naturally opposed to individualism just as much as the Anglo-Saxon race, which owes its success to freedom of action, is opposed to despotic socialism.

I venture to recommend to Mr. Holman before he goes further with dangerous experiments to read Locke's "Civil Government" and Liberty"—more especially his chapter on the teaching of Marx. But, perhaps, I am wrong; the great names of the past, the great writers and thinkers of the nineteenth Century, are not likely to appeal to the self-satisfied mediocrities who rule the destinies of Australia. The ignorant mass of voters support anyone sufficiently plausible who will promise them anything they ask, every nostrum that the mind of man is capable of inventing. There may be great awakening some day when everything in the glib political is ruined, that is if it is possible to ruin a land that is so rich in natural resources.

CO-OPERATIVE DISTRIBUTION.

"Hayseed" writes:—

Sir,—It seems to me that in fixing a price for butter it is necessary to state definitely what charges may be added, otherwise the combined agents could sell at the proclaimed price of 124 per cwt, and make a profit of 40/ 12/ on the 1 cwt. Butter 124, plus 1/6 for boxes, plus 2/ 6 for carriage, plus 1/ for clerical expenses, plus 2/ for bad debts, etc.—139/. In times gone by the producers were charged commission sometimes as high as 10 per cent., giving the impression which competitive industry has not. Co-operation is not a silly utopian dream, too idealistic for a world where "struggle for existence" is dominant. It is a robust and successful method of introducing brotherhood into the very heart of an industrial system otherwise utterly selfish, soulless, pagan.

I will hazard a guess at the low prices during October and November, when there was a large surplus to be exported. Mr. Meares is continually begging factories for export through his company, on the factories own advertised terms, never to sell locally except for home consumption. It therefore follows that by keeping prices below their true figure the butter exported shows a fine profit, which is lost to those who sold to local export buyers. This practice is not to the advantage of producers, yet to the trustful man on the land it is proof positive that it pays to export through "co-operative channels."

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

To-day's sales were:—Victorian Government 3½ per cent. stock, after 1927, £85; Commercial Bank, 21/4; Royal Bank, 25/6; Bank of Victoria, 84; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 37/9, 37; ditto, 6 weeks, 38/; Carlton Brewery (2 pref.), 11/3; Hoddart, Parker, 20/3; Silverton Tram, £5/2; Fairymead Sugar, 23/6; Henry Jones, 26/6; Howard Smith's, 24/9; ditto (ord.), 24/7½; Mutual Store, 30/6; Sawkins and Ariell, 20/; Sydney Hydraulic, 6/; Victorian Government 3½ per cent. debentures, due 1923-32, £81 10/; Millaquin Sugar, £11 6/.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

There was an average demand yesterday for heavy chemicals, and prices were well maintained. Carbide received a fair amount of attention, but stocks were extremely light. The next shipment is due to arrive early next month, and a second is expected in the opening days of June. Holders of rosin were very firm in their ideas of value. "G" grade was almost unprocurable at from £16 to £16/10/ a ton. For "N" grade up to £18 was demanded. In their report, dated Manchester, February 26, Royse and Co., Ltd., state:—"Producers find themselves in continuous trouble through the difficulties of transit, and the shortage of labour, and consumers are finding more and more that they will require to look ahead. There appears to be latterly some hardening in the position generally, a greater firmness in values, and an increasing difficulty in getting quick supplies of goods, whether produced at home or imported from abroad. Sulphate of copper has advanced further, and is very firm; the trade is hampered by export prohibitions and short supply of vitriol; shipments in last month were 2199 tons more than in January, 1914. Green copperas is somewhat less plentiful, and is firmer. Grey acetate of lime has been inquired for, some good orders placed, and price higher. Brown acetate also is dearer, but no considerable business doing. Acetate of soda continues very firm at full prices. Lead salts are dearer with the advance in the metal. Nitrate of lead is less freely offered. White sugar of lead makers are fully sold. Litharge and lead lead are 20/ per ton higher. Carbolate and caustic potash are quite scarce, and have advanced strongly. Montreal potashes also are bringing much higher prices. Carbonate of ammonia is firm, and some makers of muriatic ask higher figures. White powdered arsenic is scarce on spot, shipments of Cornish being temporarily suspended. Tartaric acid and cream of tartar are firmer on account of stronger position of raw materials. Yellow prussiate of potash is coming forward less readily, and reduced stocks here are held for higher prices; yellow prussiate of soda is steady. Borax and boracic acid are 30/ per ton higher. Oxalic acid is very scarce, and has recently advanced 2d per lb. Business in tar products is rather on the dull side. Solvent naphtha remains firm, with a good inquiry for early delivery, and benzole 90 per cent. is in good demand and firm. Is benzole 90 per cent. there is, however, little new business. Creosote also is moving very slowly, stocks are heavy, and sellers disposed to consider lower prices. Crude carbolic is quiet, values, however, remaining steady. Crystals and liquid are firm, makers being very busy. In pitch there is nothing new to report, high freights prevent shipments, and prices are merely nominal. Bulphate of agmonia has a good demand, and values are well maintained, but shipments are seriously affected by congestion at the ports. In the heavy alkali trade caustic soda prices are advanced 10/ to 20/ per ton; other articles are firm, and chlorates of potash and soda continue scarce."

The samples of Ceylon teas to hand by the mails were of excellent quality, but showed high costs. They represented the last teas shipped from Colombo before the imposition of the 4d advance in freight, and this fact should no doubt make them attractive to blenders.

Jute fabrics were steady. Woolpacks for immediate delivery were quoted at 3/3 net to rails, but for April, May, June, July shipments 3/2 would have been accepted. Brambags were offered at 4/10 net, and cornsacks 6/ net.

In the oil market there was an improvement in the inquiry, and full rates were wanted for all lines. A cablegram was received from Blundell, Spence, and Co., quoting 2/10½ a gallon f.o.b., an advance of 1d.

PRICE OF BRAN AND POLLARD.

"Storekeeper" (Coolamon) writes:—

We notice, in reply to "Puzzled," you state that the price of bran and pollard in country districts has been fixed at £7 per ton. Will you be good enough to let us know, through your columns, the date on which the above price was fixed.

On November 20 the prices of bran and pollard outside the counties of Cumberland and Northumberland were fixed at £1 in advance of those ruling in each locality on September 10. On that date the general quotation was £6.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour yesterday was 1358 bales.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour was quoted at £11/17/6, bran at £8, and pollard at £7/10/ a ton.

DARDANELLES AND WHEAT.

"The controlling factor of the wheat situation," writes Mr. George Broomhall in the "Corn Trade News," "has been the question whether the Dardanelles are likely to be reopened. The long-delayed, deliberate, and determined effort of the Allies to demolish the Turkish forts and clear the Straits has raised expectations that success will be achieved, if not at once, still in the near future. No doubt the reopening of the Dardanelles would have a strong sentimental effect upon the minds of growers throughout the world, but the material effect would probably be not very great, for the difficulties of exporting owing to the scarcity of tonnage and high freights, to say nothing of the relatively high price in Russia for good wheat, would deter all but a few of the boldest and most influential shippers from attempting business while the war lasts. Russian millers are now paying as high as 48/ per quarter for good wheat on the spot, and even if other qualities were obtainable as low as 40/ per quarter, by the time loading charges, freight at 12/ per quarter, and insurance were added, the c.i.f. price would be about 56/ per quarter. The two principal factors which the consumer has to rely upon are the Argentine and Indian crop surpluses. The former is showing more than ordinary signs of being injurious, owing to the long duration of wet weather, which has already materially reduced the early promise of a fine crop. For three or four years in succession Argentina's crops each season, either wheat, or maize, or both, have been severely injured during or shortly after harvest by prolonged and heavy rains, and some people are beginning to fear that that country is going to prove to be merely a great cattle-raising instead of also a great agricultural nation. With regard to the other sheet-anchor of the consumer of the present time—namely, India—the harvest prospects are well maintained and offers for shipment are likely soon to most numerous, and, judging from the rise in Eastern freights, it would seem as if shippers were preparing for a large business."

LAST WEEK'S EXPORTS.

The overseas exports of wheat and flour from the port of Sydney for the week ended April 10, according to the Customs-house returns, were:—

Wheat (bushels):—New Caledonia, 17; South Sea Islands, 50. Total, 67.

Flour (200lb bags):—New Caledonia, 1413; South Sea Islands, 1493; British New Guinea, 12; Timor, 1. Total, 2918.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 343 tons of wheat and 78 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

EXPORT TRADE.

LAST WEEK'S SHIPMENTS.

The overseas exports of meat from the port of Sydney for the week ended April 10, according to the Customs-house returns, were:—

Mutton (carcases):—United Kingdom and Continent, 58,425. Total, 59,425.

Beef (quarters and pieces):—United Kingdom and Continent, 3594; India and Ceylon, 132. Total, 3726.

PRODUCE.

DAIRY.

BUTTER MARKET MORE NORMAL.

Conditions in the butter market were normal yesterday morning. Fairly considerable supplies were to hand, and most buyers found sufficient available to meet their requirements. Quotations were at the Government proclaimed price of 124/ for choicest, plus 2/ for cases, plus 2/ for carriage, with other grades lower in proportion.

The market was particularly short of new-laid eggs yesterday. Monday is usually an "off day," but yesterday morning the position seemed intensified. Quotations were fixed at 2/.

There were ample supplies of case eggs available, three boats being in from the rivers. Northern rivers were quoted at 1/6, with a few choice at 1/7, and railways at 1/6 to 1/7. With a few choice at 1/8.

Cheese was being eagerly sought after at the increased rates. There was a shipment in from the Illawarra, but even so many houses had cleared their floors. The price of ordinary brands was unchanged at 78.

Bacon and other lines were selling well. Quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon.—Sides, 9 to 10, flitches 8 to 9, middles 10 to 10½; shoulders 6 to 7; bacon hams 11 to 11; special hams 12; rolls, 10; flitches 10, middles 11, shoulders 7½; bacon hams 1 per lb.

Hams.—Single cloth, ordinary brands, 1/ to 1/1; special brands, 1/3; double cloth, ordinary brands, 1/1 to 1/2; special brands 1/3.

Butter.—Prices fixed by Government proclamation, 2/ per cwt to be added for boxes and carriage. New South Wales selected brands 124/, seconds 119/, thirds 114/ per cwt.

Cheese.—Choice 1/3 to 1/4; inferior, from 1/1½ per lb.

Eggs.—Suburban new-laid, 2/; South Coast and railway, 1/6 to 1/7, few choice 1/8; Northern Rivers, 1/6, few choice 1/7; dark eggs, new-laid, 1/8 to 1/9, case 1/4 a dozen.

Cheese.—Prime loaf and large, /8½; medium size pasty, 7½, medium 7/ to /8; rough /4; special brands, /8½ to /9 per lb.

Lard.—Packets /7½ to /8½, bulk /7½ to /8½ per lb.

Pigs' Feet.—1/3 a dozen.

Pigs' Heads.—/11½ to /2 per lb.

Honey.—Both tins of choice western /4 to /4½, good /3½ to /3½. Northern Rivers, best /4, good /3½ to /3½ per lb.

Fritz Sausage.—/7 to /8; garlic, /7 to /8; German, /6 per lb.

POULTRY.

Railway and River Consignments.—Old hens, 2/6 to 2/9, choice 3/; young roosters, 3/ to 3/6, choice 4/6; chickens, 1/ to 1/6; Muscovy ducks, 2/6 to 4/, choice 4/6; drakes, 4/6 to 5/, choice 6/; English ducks, 2/6 to 3/, choice to 3/6; turkeys, gobblers, good 8/ to 10/, choice 15/; hens, small 5/6 to 6/, choice 7/; pigeons, 1/3 to 1/6; guineafowls, 3/ to 3/6 a pair.

FORAGE AND GRAIN.

A FIRM MARKET.

A generally firm market ruled in Sussex-street yesterday. The Tasmanian boat had not arrived, and consequently the market was somewhat bare of several commodities. The shipment of potatoes will amount to about 16,000 bags, and it is thought that quotations will be slightly firmer to-day. The market was bare of chaff. There was a particularly strong demand for onions, and prices will probably advance in the near future. Only Victorian Brown Spanish were available. Maize was unchanged at 5/9, the arrivals from the rivers totalling 6000 or 7000 bags.

At the firewood auction sales 15 trucks were offered. Good prices were realised, the market at the same time being slightly lower than last week.

Quotations were:—

FORAGE.

Chaff.—Tasmanian: Oaten chaff, £9/15/, Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: Wheaten, £5/10/, local £4 a ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Small bales, £8 to £8/10/; large bales, £7/10/ to £8; soft, heavy, and heated, from £4.

GRAIN AND BY-PRODUCTS.

Maize.—Northern Rivers, 5/9.

Oats.—Tartarians: Choice, 5/8 to 5/9; Giants, 5/4 to 5/5; Sparrowbills, 5/4; "A" Grade Cartons, 5/4; local, 4/9 a bushel.

Bran, Millie.—Prime long hari, £28 to £34, inferior from £21 a ton.

Peas.—Tasmanian: Grey, 9/; blue, 9/ a bushel.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £7/10/; Brownells, £7; Bismarcks, £8/10/; Up-to-dates and Pinkeyes, £6 a ton. Victorian: Carmens, £5/10/ a ton.

Turnips.—Tasmanian: £6 a ton.

Onions.—Tasmanian: Brown Spanish, £7 a ton.

FIREWOOD.

Boxwood, 16/ to 18/3; stringy, 13/ to 17/; ironbark, 12/ to 15/6; mixed wood, 13/ to 16/6; bakers' wood, 16/; good 15/; inferior 11/ to 12/ a ton.

RAILWAY MARKET.

CHAFF STILL DEARER.

At the railway forage and grain sales yesterday morning a moderate yarding of produce was offered at auction. A large number of buyers were present, bidding was brisk, and consequently auctioneers found no difficulty in clearing their consignments. Chaff was advanced still further, choice wheaten making to 10/8 —a penny more than last week's price; whilst oaten sold to 10/7, which is claimed by the oldest buyers to be the highest price paid for 25 years. The price is all the more exorbitant in view of the fact that the chaff in question was of by no means choice quality. Lucerne chaff realised the unprecedented rate of £10 per ton.

Wheaten chaff sold from 9/1 to 10/5 per cwt, the latter being obtained for a consignment from Bullock, of Blayney; whilst oaten brought from 7/8 to 10/7. Lucerne was worth from 7/8 to 10/, and lucerne hay cleared at figures ranging from 6/7 to 9/2. Windsor maize changed hands at 5/9 and oats realised from 5/3 to 5/7 per bushel.

One hundred bags of Crookwell potatoes found a purchaser at 6/6 per cwt.

Consignments placed in position for sale:—Hay, straw chaff, 63; grain, 10; potatoes, 2.

Produce manifested to arrive:—Hay, straw, chaff, 58; grain, 3; potatoes, 2.

Wheaten Chaff.—(12301), 9/3; ex Canowindra (2105), 9/6; Murray Canowindra (12279), 9/11; Payne Bros., Bathurst (12972), 9/11; ex Millthorpe (11720), 9/11; ex Bathurst, McIlthorpe (6875), 9/11; ex Millthorpe, 10/3; balance, straw chaff, 7/10; ex Spring Hill (1424), 10/1; ex Parkes (4216), 10/3; Saunders, Bathurst (10616), 10/; ex Woodstock (11909), 9/1; ex Tamworth (11766), straw chaff, 8/8; Bullock, Blayney (6225), 10/5 per cwt.

Oaten Chaff.—Ex Crookwell (6129), straw chaff, 5/6; Cady, Crookwell (10597), 9/8; Cady, Crookwell (11645), 6/4; Callaghan, Perthville (13914), 9/6; ex Millthorne (3588), 9/3; Hood Newbridge (7985), 10/7; Davis, Orange (9999), 10/7; Bacon, Tenterfield (12679), 10/5; Manton, Forbesthorpe (4178), 9/; Towle, Tarana (10565), 9/4; Mclermantt, Bungaloe (10926), 9/3; Boring, Emu Plains (7351), 7/8; Bullock, Blayney (10986), straw chaff, 7/; ex Blayney (6830), 9/6 per cwt.

Lucerne Chaff.—Ex Penrith (2192), 7/5; Pengelly, Bangalow (11910), 10/ per cwt.

Lucerne Hay.—Hurst, Perthville (10998), 6/7; Caughey, Mudgee (9152), 8/; J. Page, Mudgee (11999), 9/3 per cwt.

Maize.—Ex Windsor (6483), 86 bags 5/9 per bushel.

Oats.—Ex Crookwell (11100) part, 5/7; balance, 8/5 bags, 5/3; Churchill, Crookwell (12270), 5/5; ex Crookwell (4709), 5/7 per bushel.

Potatoes.—Cady, Crookwell (11015),100 bags, 6/6 per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Business generally was steady in the fruit markets, Bathurst-street, yesterday. Prices were unchanged. The Tasmanian boat was not in, and thus not much Tasmanian fruit was available.

Quotations were:—

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 6/, medium 3/ to 4/, small 1/6 to 2/ a half-bushel case.

Pineapples.—Queen, choice 7/ to 8/; others, 4/ to 6/.

Lemons.—Choice 5/ to 5/6, medium 3/ a bushel-case. Small and inferior unsaleable; Italian, 9/ to 10/; American, 6/ to 8/.

Plums.—Tasmanian, 3/ to 4/ a half-case.

Pears.—Victorian: Williams, 6/ to 7/; overripe, 2/ to 3/; B.D.C., 4/ to 5/; Gansells, 6/ to 9/; Golden B., 6/ to 7/ a bushel-case. Tasmanian: W.D.C., 3/ to 4/; B.D.C., 4/ to 5/; Gansells, 4/ to 5/. Small, 2/ to 3/ a half-bushel case.

Grapes.—Extra choice, black, 8/; choice 5/6 to 6/6, few choice 7/ to 7/6; white, 4/ to 5/; white Muscats, choice 7/ to 7/6, medium 4/ to 5/, small 2/; Black Prince, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 4/, small 2/; White Sherry, 3/ to 4/ a half-case.

Peaches.—Choice 4/6, medium 3/ a bushel-case.

Persimmons.—Choice to

A.J.C. RACES.

AUTUMN MEETING.

MOUNTAIN KNIGHT WINS PLACE HANDICAP.

ULVA'S ISLE, A.J.C. PLATE.

TORONE SUCCESSFUL OVER BIG FENCES.

The Autumn meeting of the Australian Jockey Club was concluded at Randwick yesterday in bright, pleasant weather, and, under the circumstances, there was an excellent attendance, numbering about 15,000. The course and surroundings looked their best, showing little indication of the wear and tear of the previous days. The general arrangements, which were in the hands of the secretary, Mr. C. W. Cropper, were in every way satisfactory, while an efficient service was provided by the tramway authorities.

THE DRESSES.

A CHARMING VARIETY.

Yesterday was certainly the brightest of the four days, from a frocking point of view, for the beautiful weather tempted many folk to don their summer gowns. Consequently the touch of colour here and there was a welcome relief. There were fewer "fancy" dresses than is usual at such gatherings, the majority of the costumes being remarkable for anything save smartness. Possibly the most beautiful toilette seen was carried out in palest grey and silver, the skirt of charmeuse being scolloped at the base, and veiled with a full tunic of grey ninon, also scolloped at the hem, and coming from a wide hip sash of gold and Oriental-coloured tissue. The bodice was quite full, and fell over the waist all round in approved fashion. It was of grey and silver tissue, the sleeves being of the ninon. A small black velvet hat, very close-fitting, and trimmed with a bird of paradise plume, gave a touch of distinction. A second dress, which was the exact opposite in style, showed a slim underskirt with small bunched-up panniers of striped silk, the bodice having rather short sleeves met with long white gloves. The accompanying hat was one of the small ones introduced this season, and was perched at quite a perilous angle at one side of the head. But for the rest, coats and skirts of every variety under the sun held full sway, those of black or dark blue all being lightened at the throat with wide collars of either white or gaily-striped silk. The Napoleon collar was distinctly first favourite, and many were held in position with wide bands of velvet across the throat. At the same time there were many decollete dresses, clearly demonstrating that the upstanding collar has not yet become ubiquitous.

There was a bright blue sky, and floods of sunshine, and consequently wraps were conspicuous by their absence. For with a touch of summer in the air these were not necessary. Only here and there furs were to be seen, these worn more for ornament than for use. The vice-regal boxes were unoccupied. Small luncheon parties were given, and little groups gathered together for afternoon tea. Quite a number of the members patronised the big stand just beyond the judge's box, the reserve near the St. Leger being deserted to a certain extent. The scarlet salvia made brilliant lines of colour, and the beds of red and orange cannas were much admired. The lawns were fresh and brilliantly green, and made a fitting background to the large assemblage. Many well-known people were present. Mrs. Adrian Knox was gowned in dark blue, the coat having a pleated tunic, and her small black hat was trimmed with white feathers. Mrs. Richards, who was accompanied by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, wore a dark blue taffeta, with pleated sleeves of ninon over white, a blue hat being added. Mrs. J. Spencer Brunton wore a handsome gown of rich sapphire blue cloth, with a satin surface, the coat smartly cut with a long flat "hood," finished off at the point with a black and gold tassel. A black sealskin collar and gold tissue waistcoat were added, the costume being completed with one of the very small black hats. Miss Evelyn Brunton, grey ribbed cloth over a shirt of velvet to match, and a blue hat of velvet. Miss Jean Brunton, electric blue, and a black hat trimmed with a large bow.

Miss Irene Browne, who came with Mrs. S. H. Levy, was much admired in a gown of rich black mirror velvet, clasped round the waist with an odd-shaped buckle of amber. The bodice ran right up to the throat where it was finished with frills of the brightest amber chiffon, the sleeves being finished to match. Round her neck was a string of large amber beads. A very small black hat, pointed velvet hat, worn to one side, was added. Mrs. Levy chose a coat and skirt of black cloth, the coat made Cavalier fashion and having a high collar of velvet; small black hat, wreathed with silver leaves. Mrs. Hope Osborne, dark blue velvet costume, trimmed with a border of brown fur, and a dark blue velvet hat, with small blue feathers. Mrs. Colin Stephen, fine black serge coat and skirt, and a small black hat wreathed with white flowers. Miss Knox, white cloth coat and skirt, striped with blue, and a black hat. Miss Janet Knox, cream cloth coat and skirt, and a small blue hat. Mrs. Harry Levy, black cloth coat, with a skirt of checked black and white serge, the coat finished with a white collar, black hat, with an upstanding mount. Miss Levy, white cloth coat and skirt, handsomely braided, the sash ends embroidered in white, her white hat being lined with black and adorned with white feathers. Miss Betty Levy, white shirred skirt with a short Eton coat to match, her navy blue hat having ribbon streamers and a tiny posy of flowers. Mrs. Hugh Lamont, white coat and skirt, and a small white hat lined with black and finished with a black band. The Misses Wade, coats and skirts of black cloth, and black velvet hats.

Mrs. Anthony Hordern wore one of the prettiest of the black gowns. The skirt was of wide bands of black lace and crepe de Chine, the ninon bodice mounted on white, and having a wide belt with a line of cherry velvet at the top; black hat with black ostrich feathers. Mrs. W. B. Macarthur, a black cloth coat and skirt, and a black velvet hat. Miss Dorothy Gordon, brown taffeta, made in the latest mode, with a long straight coat over two frills of brown ninon and taffeta, and a tiny hat with a feather mount back and front. Miss Linda Drummond, white cloth coat and skirt, and a black velvet hat. Mrs. Leonard Dodds, black serge coat and skirt, trimmed with wide black military braid, her black velvet hat having a touch of gold and upstanding wings. Lady Taylor, coat and skirt of fine blue serge, and a black hat with ostrich feathers. Miss Gladys Fuller, white cloth coat and skirt, and a tiny hat of ermine. Mrs. Bartlett, mole-coloured robe of crepe de Chine, with a vest of plaid silk, a black hat being added. Miss F. P. Walker, deep violet-coloured charmeuse made with a draped skirt, and trimmed with touches of fur, black hat. Miss Gwendoline Griffiths, palest grey crepe de Chine, and a black feathered hat. Miss Nenta Griffiths, pale blue charmeuse, and a black hat. Mrs. J. Willingson, fawn silk serge coat and skirt, and a black hat and ermine furs. Mrs. Frederick Galbraith, very smartly cut coat and skirt in light brown cloth, with collar of stripe silk, to which was added a matching hat with blue feathers. Miss Dorothy Galbraith, light brown suiting coat and skirt, and a black hat. Miss Ruth Lamsdaine, fawn cravet coating coat and skirt, the costume completed with a small velvet hat. Miss Jean Morton, navy tiac coat and skirt, and a small blue hat wreathed with white flowers. Mrs. Philips Waugh, blue coat and skirt with touches of white, and a gathered silk hat. Miss Dorothy Dangar, coat and skirt of grey silk serge, and a black hat of velvet. Mrs. F. Ebsworth, mattier blue moire silk, and a black hat. Miss Egan, black silk serge coat and skirt, to which a black hat was added. Mrs. Julius Cohn, black gown over an under-dress of striped silk, and a black hat with shaded red flowers. Miss Rene Cuno, old rose frieze, and a black and white hat.

Mrs. Reginald Allen, coat and skirt of white cloth, and a black velvet hat with a band of black silk. Miss Edith Hill, black taffeta gown, made in Turkic fashion, with a blouse of black ninon, veiled in white; white hat, trimmed with an osprey. Miss L. Wray, white coat and skirt, and a white hat. Mrs. T. Watson, dark blue costume, with a collar of black satin, and a black hat with black ostrich feathers. Mrs. Harry Manning, coat-tier serge coat and skirt, and a small black hat. Mrs. A. B. Paterson, grey floral voile, with a belt of mattier blue, her black hat trimmed with a band of white. Mrs. Nivison (Walcha), light blue cachemire-de-soie, and a black velvet hat with an osprey. Mrs. Florence Delohery, mattier blue coat and skirt, and a black hat with an osprey mount. Mrs. Ernest Smart, dark blue serge coat and skirt, and a black velvet hat. Mrs. P. J. Kenna, black chine patterned with flowers, and frilled with chiffon; black hat. Mrs. J. Manning, black coat and skirt, and a small black hat. Mrs. Frank McDonald, well-cut coat and skirt in black, the skirt trimmed up the front with rows of tiny buttons; black hat with white feathers. Mrs. A. A. Ranken, blue taffeta draped gown, with touches of green, and finished at the throat with a wide black ruffle; small blue hat, with wings and a feather mount. Mrs. O'Gorman Hughes, pale grey moire, and a black and white hat. Miss Valerie Davenport, white cloth coat and skirt, and a white hat with a green band and white quills. Miss Enid Purves, dark blue coat and skirt, and a black velvet hat. Miss Dorothy Shand, quaint gown of blue and dark green plaid cloth, and a black hat. Miss Nina Shand, blue coat and skirt, and a black hat with white wings.

There were many familiar faces absent, and the lack of young men in the members' reserve was noticeable, escorts being few in number. The last day of the meeting, which is usually so successful, was shorn of much of its glory through the war, and the whole gathering, from a feminine point of view, lacked that spontaneous gaiety which usually characterises the spring and autumn carnivals of the Australian Jockey Club.

THE RACING.

The decision of the A.J.C. committee to twice postpone the second half of the autumn reunion was a happy one, for the racing on Saturday and yesterday was carried out under ideal weather conditions, and though going was a trifle heavy, it was thoroughly sound. Yesterday's racing opened auspiciously for backers, for the popular picks in the Rous Handicap and the Place Handicap fully acted up to expectations; the Second Steeplechase came as a setback, for the best fancied horses were beaten; the favourite gained the judge's verdict in the A.J.C. Plate, and the second favourite came home in front in the Second Nursery Handicap; but the victory of Charleville in the Final Handicap was not anticipated, and there was plenty of money on offer at 20 to 1 against him at the rise of the barrier, his success considerably easing the liabilities of the ringmen. With the exception of a couple of falls in the Second Steeplechase, the card was fun through without serious mishap, and the duties of the stipendiary stewards were very light.

Proceedings opened with the Rous Handicap, a race restricted to three-year-olds, and only eight of the two dozen eligible took the track. Giru was promptly installed favourite, and only a shade of odds could be got about him at barrier rise, while Wallachia was regarded as his most dangerous opponent Secret Service and Royal Rufus also met with some support, but the chances of the balance of the field were not seriously considered by those in search of the winner. They raced in a bunch for a couple of furlongs, then Bobadine and Royal Rufus had a short turn in front, the latter giving place to Secret Service, who, at the seven furlongs post, was up sides with Bobadine, and the pair on terms carried the field to the five furlongs post, where Bobadine began to tire, and soon faded out of the fray. With Royal Rufus and Maltasia in pursuit, Secret Service came round the bend, where Giru, who had been running in the back division, made an attempt to get through on the inside, but he got blocked, and had to come on the left. Secret Service held his position to the distance, where Giru and Toast tackled him, and in a few strides he beat a retreat, while the favourite, taking charge at the half-distance, comfortably accounted for Toast, and Royal Rufus gained the minor situation. Silver Steel made up a deal of his leeway from the home turn, and was just beaten out of a place. The winner was bred by his owner, and is by Antonio (imp.) from Virtu (a well-known performer in her racing days), by Dorchester from Vanity, by Marvellous from Herla, by Gemma di Vergy. He opened his winning career by securing the Nursery Handicap on the corresponding day of the A.J.C. meeting last year, and his successes during the current season include the Welter Handicap at the September meeting of Tattersall's Club, and the Hawkesbury Guineas a fortnight later.

The Place Handicap attracted a field that was one snort of a dozen, and the popular pick was Mountain Knight, who opened at 2 to 1, and rapidly firmed in the market, until even money was the best offer against him, while the quotations showed that Taunter and Offa would be his most formidable opponents, and 10 to 1 was available against either. The St. Leger winner regaled the confidence of his supporters, for, getting off the mark smartly, he was steadied; then Taunter and Offa had a turn in front, after which Trinobantes took charge, and with Offa and the favourite in attendance, cut out the work to the half-mile post, where the colt joined issue with the imported horse, headed Taunter in a few strides, and easily stalled off a bid from Necktie inside the distance. Taunter put in his claim as Trinobantes began to get weary at the distance, but he could not pace it with Necktie, while Offa shaped most disappointingly, finishing with Dollar Dictator in the rear.

The Second Steeplechase, for which nine of the 15 eligibles were stripped, provided a most interesting contest. When speculation opened the Victorian chaser Iron was installed favourite, but after the decided demand for Forest Prince, who was successful over the big fences on Easter Monday, became so persistent that he eventually ousted the visitor from the responsible position, and at the fall of the flag he disputed second quarters with Bercola. he disputed second quarters with Bercola. Prince, who was successful over the big fences on Easter Monday, became so persistent that he eventually ousted the visitor from the responsible position, and at the fall of the flag he disputed second quarters with Bercola. he disputed second quarters with Bercola. Torone and Iron, the son of Alva held his position for over a round of the track. Iron joined issue with him as they flew the last set of the quadruple in front of the stand the second time, and the old gelding then retired beaten. The next obstacle—that opposite—was responsible for the downfall of Warrabinga and Busra, and the fallen horses interfered with Bercola and King Lucre. This interfered with Bercola and Torone well clear of their followers, and as they ascended the hill for the second time Torone shook off the Victorian, but as they came down towards Kensington Forest Prince overhauled Torone, and the pair cleared the fence at that point and the next obstacle near the half-mile post on terms. Torone led over the last fence, with Forest Prince at his heels, and though the latter gamely stuck to his opponent the positions were unaltered as they passed the judge's box. Iron was a poor third, and the others came home at all sorts of intervals. The winner was bred by his owner, Mr. C. Hebden, and is trained by P. Nolan at Randwick. Last season he secured the Second Steeplechase at the A.J.C. Winter Meeting, and at the spring Meeting of the current season he won the First Steeplechase over the same track.

With only Sir Alwynton and Frasco to oppose him in the A.J.C. Plate, Ulva's Isle was sent out a very hot favourite, and backers had to lay odds of 7 to 1 on, while Sir Alwynton and Frasco were marketable at 9 and 10 to 1 respectively. The race was a procession from end to end, Ulva's Isle taking command from the Sir Alwynton, and the trio were mostly separated by lengths except in the last couple of furlongs, in which Frasco drifted back. The pace for the first mile was very slow, the watch showing 1m 52⅘; in the second section in 1m 50⅗, but in the last mile the speed was put on, and 1m 44s was put up, the last half-mile taking 52s. This was Ulva's Isle fourth success under colours, and he has well repaid his owner, Mr. A. Hordern, for his 650 guinea purchase. His win on this occasion benefitted the Belgian Relief Fund to the extent of 500 sovs., his owner, after the race, having generously decided to donate that sum to the worthy object.

The lengthy list of candidates for the Second Nursery Handicap was reduced to 15, and the race was regarded as pretty open. Mountcourt was the popular selection, when business on the race opened in the ring, but he soon eased in the market as the demand set in for Beanbri, La Penna, and Ornato, the latter having the market call at 3 to 1. Rosetta, Mr. Chene's Forest Prince, Mr. Mitchell's Satinoir, Mr. Hagerty's Forest Queen, aged, 8st 13lb (E. Moon) 2
Hon. Frank Clark's br g Icon, by Grafton (imp.)—Satire, 3yrs, 7st 8lb (L. Hagerty) 3
Other starters: Borrola, 4st 6lb (J. Percival); King Dare, 10st 12lb (A. Hawkins); The Miser, 10st 7lb (C. McCabe); Busra, 10st 7lb (H. McKeown); Warrabinga, 9st 12lb (E. Parnell); Don Q., 9st 4lb (R. Gray).

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Longacre was the first to show out from a good despatch, and he led past the judge's box, followed by Sir John Barleycorn, Miss Gabs, and Gal, with Beanbri last. When they reached the six furlongs post Ornato was showing slightly in front of Longacre, Gal, Dear Laddie, Miss Gabs, and Sir John Barleycorn, and without change they raced past the five furlongs post and to the bend, where Lineage moved up to the inside third place, in that order they swung into the line for home, La Penna following very fast on the rails, and Westcourt at the head of a big cluster. At the distance Ornato, Lineage, La Penna, and Westcourt were fighting it out almost in line, and from the half-distance the issue was between La Penna and Westcourt, who in order passed the judge's box, separated by a head. Lineage was two lengths off third, closely followed by Ornato, Common Law, Rouen, Dear Laddie, Alasco, and Ardrossan; while the last to pass the post were Gal, Beanbri, Coeur de Monteau and Longacre. Time, 1m 41⅘s.

FINAL HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 600 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 120 sovs, and the owner of the third 80 sovs, from the prize. 1m 1f 100yds.

Mr. H. S. Rich's b g Charleville, by Charlemagne (imp.)—La Gloria, 5yrs, 8st (J. Reynolds) 1
Mr. A. Hordern's ch h First Principle, by Maltster—Field Rose, 3yrs, 8st 5lb (W. Walker) 2
Mr. Jas. Wilson's b m Hush Money, by Bobadil—Remain, 4yrs, 8st 4lb (R. Lewis) 3

Other starters: Lochano, 9st 5lb (F. Maher); Willow Green, 9st 3lb (W. Black); Portrush, 9st 2lb (A. Wood); Magus, 8st 12lb (W. M'Lachlan); Aurifer, 8st 10lb (A. Shanahan); Tartanus, 8st 9lb (F. Russell); Owen Roe, 8st 9lb (A. Higgins); Child, 8st 4lb (G. Meiklejohn); Eugeny, 8st 3lb (W. Barnett); Simon Frigro, 8st 3lb (R. Leadbeater); Amata, 8st 2lb (K. Bracken); Challenge Crome, 8st 2lb (M. Connell), Bob Bunsow, 7st 13lb (J. Killorn); Danum (imp.), 7st 7lb (G. Pinn); Leta, 7st 4lb (R. Marshall); Modify, 7st 4lb (J. Quigley); Grail, 7st (F. Foley).

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Aurifer and Owen Roe moved off first, and at the little furlongs post Aurifer had a slight advantage from Owen Roe, after whom came Amata, First Principle, Hush Money, and Modify, with Magus last. Passing the six furlongs post Aurifer had a length from First Principle and Hush Money, with Amata at the head of a big cluster, Portrush leading Owen Roe, Challenge Crome, and Child

CASUALTIES.

DROWNED IN THE SURF.

About 11.15 a.m. on Sunday, Frederick James Hathaway, 63, a clerk, was found lying face downwards in the surf at North Steyne. He was supported by other bathers, who signalled for assistance. George Morgan, a member of the life saving club, went out, and brought the man ashore. Dr. Devlin was called, and attempts were made to restore animation, without avail.

BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

On Saturday afternoon Roy Hockey, 6, was crossing King-street, Newtown, with two other boys, when he ran in front of a motor car, which passed over him. The boy was taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, and after his injuries had been attended to he was allowed to go to his home.

DROWNED IN HORSE TROUGH.

Henry Scott, 85, on the 1st inst., while sitting on a horse trough in Trafalgar-street, Annandale, fell in and was drowned. There was only about nine or ten inches of water in the trough, which was about 2ft deep by 2ft wide.

At an inquiry held by the City Coroner on Friday, a verdict of accidental death was returned.

CASE OF POISONING.

On Saturday afternoon Edward Quinton, 40, a saddler, residing in Underwood-street, Paddington, was removed by the Civil Ambulance to the Sydney Hospital, suffering from the effects of poison, but on arrival there Dr. Jones pronounced life extinct.

MACHINERY MISHAPS.

BATHURST, Monday.

A young man named Cheeney, while working on a farm at Perry, had his hand caught in a chaff-cutter. The hand was cut off above the wrist.

Norman Boardman, a married man, had the second finger of the left hand cut off by a circular saw at Thomas's wood yards to-day. Boardman has previously had the index finger of the same hand taken off in a corn-cracker.

AN ARM SEVERED.

MUSWELLBROOK, Monday.

An accident occurred on Thursday evening about a mile south of the railway station. Thomas Burton, about 20 years of age, was run down by a goods train while walking along the line, and had his left arm severed near the shoulder.

Burton walked fully 300 yards after the accident before his calls attracted attention. He was removed to the hospital.

FOUND DEAD.

BROKEN HILL, Monday.

An inquest was held last week on the body of John Lowlor, an old man, who was found dead on Thursday afternoon near the Imperial dam. Medical evidence was to the effect that death was probably due to heart failure, and a verdict was returned accordingly.

INJURED BY BURSTING BOTTLE.

FOREST REEFS, Monday.

A bottle which Fred. Gainsford, junr., was cooling, burst and severed two of his fingers. They may have to be amputated.

RAILWAY FATALITIES.

PERTH (W.A.), Monday.

Two fatalities have occurred on the Belmont railway line.

John Archibald, aged 46, was returning from work at the ballast pits on a number of trucks which were being drawn at the power of three engines by hand. He jumped off to get a shovel. In reaching the ground he slipped and fell backwards on to the metals. The crowd witnessed the accident, and quickly applied the brakes. His promptitude, however, was of no avail, as two wheels passed over his body, and he was dragged along the line several yards. Death was instantaneous.

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The Prices, which are very keen, range from 4½d to 5/6 per yard, according to quality and width. Inspect these Laces to-day.
CENTRAL PITT-STREET SHOP.

B.B. TORCHON
LACES AND INSERTION
AT
ONE-THIRD USUAL PRICES.
These Laces sold rapidly yesterday, but, owing to the extent of the Special Purchase, we are able to offer a further supply this morning. The value is phenomenal. The Laces and insertions are suitable for Underclothing, Sideboard Cloths, Tray Cloths, Pillow Shams, etc., also for Blinds and Curtains.
Inspect them on special table in the Lace Department.
CENTRAL PITT-STREET SHOP.

LEADING VALUES IN DOWN QUILTS,
FOR SINGLE AND DOUBLE BEDS
AND CHILDREN'S COTS.
The following values in Down Quilts are exceptional.
They are very attractive in appearance, well ventilated, and filled with fine quality pure down. The Covering is of the very FINEST FRENCH CAMBRIC, in clear handsome Paisley design, with plain Sateen Panel and Border, reverse printed Cambric to match.
Colours: Vieux Rose, Saxe, Moss Green, Terra Cotta, Furnishing Blue, Olive Green, Cardinal.
Size, 3 x 2, Piped, for Cots. PRICE, 5/6.
Size, 3 x 3, Frilled, for Cots. PRICE, 6/11.
Size, 4 x 3, Piped, for Cots. PRICE, 11/6.
Size, 4 x 3, Frilled, for Cots. PRICE, 12/11.
Size, 6 x 4, Piped, for Single Beds. PRICE, 16/11.
Size, 6 x 3, Piped, for Double Beds. PRICE, 19/11.
Size, 6 x 3, Frilled, for Double Beds. PRICE, 20/6.
MANCHESTER DEPARTMENT.
FIRST FLOOR, PITT-STREET.

BOYS' SHOWERPROOF CAPES.
A SPECIAL VALUE LINE.
We have opened a new shipment of these popular Weather Garments for Boys. The capes are fitted with smart hood that is neatly folded inside cape when not in use.
Stocked in Fawn or Drab Garbinette; also in Dark Grey Garbinroid Coatings. Lengths 22 to 30 inches.
SPECIAL VALUE PRICE, 11/6.
Also in larger sizes, without hood.
PRICES, 13/6, 14/6.
GROUND FLOOR, MARKET-STREET.

REMARKABLE VALUE IN VACUUM FLASKS.
We are offering a special line of Vacuum Flasks at a special price, namely 4/6. Now that Vacuum Flasks are so difficult to obtain it will be a great advantage to secure them at such a keen price. These Flasks are one pint size, leatherette covered, and are guaranteed reliable.
SPECIAL VALUE, PRICE 4/6 EACH.
IRONMONGERY SECTION, GEORGE-STREET SHOP.

SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT IN THESE COLUMNS
DEALING WITH THE SALE (AT FARMER'S),
of the Balance of
LLOYD AND COLLINS' STOCK
OF HIGH-GRADE, FASHIONABLE GOODS.
SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION OF CLOCKWORK TRAINS,
in conjunction with
THE "MECCANO" DISPLAY,
will take place to-day in
THE TOY DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, GEORGE ST.
The Demonstration begins at 10.30 a.m.

FARMER'S, SYDNEY.
PITT, MARKET, AND GEORGE STREETS.

MOST UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVE AT SNOW'S.
If Opportunity had
a tail, many people
would sit and wait
until somebody passed
them the sale.
And then they would be doomed to disappointment, for nothing—not even the bird that is sometimes chased so enthusiastically by a child—is ever caught by putting salt on its caudal appendage. At

SNOW'S,
IN THE MANCHESTER AND
HOUSE DRAPERY DEPARTMENTS,
one sees plenty of Opportunities. Don't wait for the sale—just grasp them with your bare hands.
Some lines may not be so low-priced again for years. Now is the time to buy your Winter Needs.
SPECIAL PURCHASE OF
VENETIAN LACE TRAY CLOTHS, RUNNERS,
DUCHESS SETS, PILLOW SHAMS,
D'OYLEYS, Etc, Etc.
SPECIAL PURCHASE of VENETIAN LACE NAPERY, secured at phenomenally low prices, beautiful goods, at exceptional prices.
DUCHESS SETS, 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, to 15/11 each.
22 x 32, PILLOW SHAMS, 3/11, 4/11, 5/11, to 14/6.
32 x 32 TRAY CLOTHS, 4/11, 6/11, 8/11, to 27/6.
Also, a Choice Selection of RUNNERS, TABLE CENTRES, D'OYLEYS, at Bargain Prices.

TOWELS.
50 DOZEN Large Unbleached BATH TOWELS, Exceptional Value.
SNOW'S PRICE, 1/3½ EACH.

MADRAS MUSLIN.
Special Purchase 50-inch FINE CREME MADRAS MUSLIN, Small Designs, suitable for Draw Curtains or Drapings.
SPECIAL PRICES, 10½d., 1/, 1/3, 1/6 YD.
36 to 50 INCH WHITE HARNESS MUSLIN, in smart spot and sprig designs, suitable for short curtains or drapings.
SPECIAL PRICES, 5½d, 7½d, 10½d, to 1/3 YD.
Special Purchase of 45-INCH CREME MADRAS MUSLIN, tasselled or scalloped edge, good designs.
SNOW'S PRICE, 7½d YD.

CASEMENT CLOTHS.
A Splendid Range of PLAIN and BORDERED CASEMENT CLOTHS, all shades.
SNOW'S PRICES,
7½d, 10½d, 1/, to 1/12 YD.

LEVER BROTHERS'
SOAPS AND TOILET PREPARATIONS.
As you step into Snow's by way of the Liverpool-street entrance to-day, just pause awhile at the
SPECIAL DISPLAY
OF AUSTRALIAN-MADE
SOAPS, ETC.
A Lady Demonstrator will answer any questions you wish to ask about Lever's Soaps, of which many kinds will be exhibited.
Without sickly sentimentality, let it be here stated that Lever Brothers' Toilet Soaps are
MADE FROM AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTS,
MADE BY AUSTRALIANS,
MADE IN AUSTRALIA.
This is an opportunity for you to learn more of these Good Toilet Preparations, and the Demonstrator will supply full information, and advise you which are best for you.

SYDNEY SNOW, LTD.,
SPECIALISTS IN LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL,
MANCHESTER AND HOUSE DRAPERY,
COR. PITT AND LIVERPOOL STREETS,
SYDNEY.

THE "SYDNEY MAIL" each week gives a summary of the War, in addition to interesting articles from expert pens upon important subjects relating to the campaign.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS
TO
MARK FOY'S, LTD.,
AND DO YOUR SHOPPING
IN THE
BUSIEST HOUSE IN SYDNEY.
WHERE THERE'S A CROWD THERE'S A REASON, ALWAYS! AND WHEN YOU SEE "THE PIAZZA" WITH ITS EVERY COUNTER CROWDED BY EAGER BUYERS, YOU MAY KNOW THERE IS SOME GREAT MAGNETIC CAUSE.
THE REASON LIES IN THE DAILY SHOWING OF NEW AND SCARCE NOVELTIES IN ALL THE FASHION DEPARTMENTS AT THOSE LOW PRICES THAT KEEP "THE PEOPLE'S ETTICKSHAW SO KEEN, AND THE NAME OF "FOY'S" SO POPULAR EVERYWHERE.
ONLY ONE WAY TO APPRECIATE FOY'S SAVING PRICES, COME AND SEE. THERE ARE SPECIAL SAVINGS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OFFERING THIS WEEK.
PAY A VISIT TO "THE PIAZZA" BEFORE YOU RETURN HOME; YOU WILL FIND SUCH VALUES AS CAN BE HAD AT FOY'S, AND
NOWHERE BUT FOY'S.

COSTUME SECTION.
LADIES' COATS AND SKIRTS.
"SENSATIONAL PURCHASE" OF ONE OF SYDNEY'S LEADING MANUFACTURER'S COLLECTION OF THIS SEASON'S SAMPLE COATS AND SKIRTS. These are in all the very latest shapes and materials. We bought them at a discount, which enables us to offer you YOUR CHOICE OF 250 of this Season's Costumes at absolutely WHOLESALE PRICE. Ladies, do you realise the saving this means to you? If not, come early this morning and inspect for yourself. The Manufacturer's original ticket is on each Costume, should you be in the least doubtful. PRICES RANGE FROM
10/11 to £5/5/.
ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS COLLECTION is a number of CREPE DE CHINE ROBES AND COATS AND SKIRTS, BENGALINE AND SATIN ROBES, AND COATS AND SKIRTS, in Navy, Black, and a good assortment of other colours. These we have also marked at absolute manufacturer's price. They range from
20/11 to 99/6.
LADIES' EVENING FROCKS.
FOY'S HAVE JUST OPENED THEIR NEW SEASON'S COLLECTION this morning. Ladies, we have not had time to mark them, and, for To-day only, we offer you them before they are marked, mind you! your choice of the collection at
55/.
We cannot say exactly what they are like, for the simple reason we have not seen them NOW, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY.
WE HAVE ALSO JUST OPENED A SPLENDID COLLECTION OF LADIES'
OPERA CAPES AND COATS,
in French Fancy Cloths, Satins, Panne Velvets, Brocades, etc. These are in all the popular colours with the latest Military and High Collars. Even if you don't want one, pay us a visit of inspection. They are all marked in plain figures.
MATRONS AND ELDERLY LADIES, READ THIS CAREFULLY. Foy's are offering the balance of last season's Velvet Coats at exactly
HALF PRICE.
They are in perfect order and condition, all Silk lined throughout. Come and see them. Prices range from
29/11 to 69/6.
FOY'S HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL IN LADIES' GABARDINE RAIN COATS at 19/11. They are in two tones of Bronze Green—one buttoning right up to the neck, Raglan sleeve effect, finished with belt; the other the same, only without belt.
LADIES' FULL-LENGTH KNITTED WOOLLEN COATS, made from the best quality Wool, fancy check knit stitch in body of coat, finished with plain six inch band. All sizes. Navy only. Foy's Price, 19/11.
ANOTHER SPECIAL NUMBER is the most serviceable style you could conceive. It is in the popular ¾ length. Can be worn single or double breasted, or lap right across the front, buttoning right up to neck. It is made from the very best navy wool Stocked in the following colours—Navy, Black, Saxe, Brown, Mole, Grey, Amethyst, etc. A charming Coat for
21/, 27/.
SHOULD YOU REQUIRE A MILK SPORTS COAT, FOY'S HAVE A VERY UP-TO-DATE COLLECTION of the latest styles and colourings to show you, including blacks. The last-named colour is very scarce, and our stock of it is limited. Foy's Prices range from
13/11 to 59/11.
SPECIAL OFFERING OF 330 TWEED and SERGE SAMPLE WINTER COATS. These represent a marvellously advantageous purchase, and we intend to make one big clear of the whole lot, and offer our Customers their choice of the fine collection at 19/11. They are in belted backs, yoke effects, etc. Colours are Cream, Saxe, Brown, Mole, and